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PREFACE

As indicated in the preface to the first volume of this series, the present volume was to have included with the returns from rural deaneries visited by Bishop Longland or his commissaries the documents relating to his visitation of the Newarke College at Leicester in 1525. It seemed better, however, to follow the ruri-decanal visitations with the records of those made by Atwater and Longland in monasteries and colleges throughout the whole diocese, leaving the very long and detailed record of the Newarke College visitation to the end of the third volume, where it will follow the reports of visitations of thirty-four religious houses in addition to the forty-one with which the present volume is concerned.

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fo. 31.

BEDFORD.

fo. 31*d*.

In Dei nomine Amen Nos Johannes Rayne vtriusque iuris doctor reuerendi in Christo patris et domini domini Johannis Dei gracia Lincolniensis episcopi vicarius in spiritualibus generalis et officialis principalis[2] omnes et singulos subscriptos ad hos diem et locum legitime citatos publice preconisatos diuciusque exspectatos et nullo modo comparentes pronunciamus contumaces et eorum quemlibet contumacem et in penam contumaciarum suarum omnes ipsos et eorum quemlibet ab ingressu ecclesie suspendimus in hijs scriptis.

Hadrianum Rony de Felmerssam.

Dominum Thomam Negus de Bedford.

fo. 32.

Eton decanatus[3]

[BOLNEHIRST.] [Magister Thomas] Cressy non residet / cetera bene.

BARFORD.[4] Omnia bene.

GODMANCEST'.[5] Omnia bene.

TYLBROK.[6] Omnia bene.

MELCHEBURN. Omnia bene.

KEYSO. Omnia bene.

SHELTON. Omnia bene.

[1] In 17th cent. hand. [2] A word cancelled.

[3] 16 entries, 2 repeated. Churches omitted: Eaton Socon, Colmworth (cf. vol. I, p. 115), Dean, Renhold and Yelden.

[4] Repeated below.

[5] *Sic*. Godmanchester was in the adjoining deanery of St. Neots, archdeaconry of Huntingdon, and is omitted from the visitation entries for that deanery.

[6] Repeated below.

WYLDEN. Omnia bene.

ROXTON. Gardiani dicunt cancellum esse ruinosam[1] . Cetera bene.

STOWTON PARUA.[2] Omnia bene.

REVENISDON.[3] Omnia bene.

RYSELEY. Omnia bene.

BERFORD.[4] Omnia bene.

TYLBROK.[5] Omnia bene.

PERTNOLLE.[6] Omnia bene.

THORLEY.[7] Omnia bene reguntur.

fo. 32*d*.

Shefford decanatus

fo. 33.

Shefford decanatus[8]

GRAVENHIRST MAGNA.[9] Omnia bene.

ASTWYLL.[10] Omnia bene.

SOTHYLL.[11] Omnia bene.

DUNTON. Ecclesia appropriata priorisse et conuentui de Holywell[12] . Dimittitur rectoria magistro Johanni Byrgyn / Dominus[13] Willelmus White vicarius ibidem.

STOTFOLD. Omnia bene . . .

SHYTLINGTON.[14] Omnia sunt perfecta.

MEPERSALL.[15] Omnia sunt recta.

OLDE WARDON. Omnia bene.

STONDON.[16] Omnia bene.

EYWOURTH. Colyt[17] Rogers famula Johannis Ball est impregnata et exiuit.

[1] Cf. vol. I, p. 115. Proprietors, the prior and convent of Caldwell.
[2] Little Staughton. [3] Ravensden. [4] Barford Magna, repeated.
[5] Tilbrook, repeated. [6] Pertenhall. [7] Thurleigh.
[8] 22 entries, 21 parish churches, 1 chapel. Churches omitted: Arlesey, Barford Parva and Sandy.
[9] Gravenhurst Superior, chapel to Shillington.
[10] *Sic*: for Astwick. [11] Southill. [12] In Middlesex.
[13] Called *magister* in 1526. [14] Shillington. [15] Meppershall.
[16] Omitted from I, 113. [17] Colet, i.e. Nicolette.

CLYFTON. Magister Radulphus Canterell rector[1] / cetera bene.

HENLOWE. Omnia bene.

HOLYWELL.[2] Omnia sunt in bono statu.

EDWOURTH. Omnia bene.

POTTON. Omnia bene.

fo. 33*d*.

LANGFORTH.[3] Omnia bene. /

SUTTON. Omnia bene.

COKIN HATLEY.[4] Johannes Dixson de Clifton.[5]

CAMYLTON.[6]

BLOUNHAM.

WRASTLINGWOURTH. Omnia bene.

TEMESFORD.[7] Rectoria eiusdem est maxime in decasu . Rector eiusdem detinet a . . . . . eiusdem testamentum . . . . . Willelmi Clement per quem testamentum . . . . . ecclesie ibidem fuit legat . . .

fo. 34. Blank.

fo. 34*d*.

Bedford et Clopham decanatus[8]

BEDENHAM.[9] Fenistre cancelli sunt fracte.

KEMPSTON. Omnia bene.

PETERMARTYN.[10] Omnia bene.

KARDINGTON.[11] Omnia bene.

GOLDINGTON. Omnia bene.

STACHEDEN.[12] Omnia bene.

FEMERSHAM.[13] Omnia bene.

[1] Called mag. doctor Canterell in 1526. [2] Holwell, now in Herts.
[3] Langford. [4] Cockayne Hatley. [5] Entry unfinished.
[6] Campton. Shefford was a chapelry in this parish. There are no returns for this or for Blunham.
[7] Tempsford. The rector in 1526 was mag. Thomas Phillip.
[8] 27 entries, 13 from Bedford, 13 from Clapham, 1 doubtful. Churches omitted: St. Cuthbert's, Bedford (cf. I, 104), Carlton, Clapham, Harrold, Oakley, Wootton.
[9] Biddenham.
[10] St. Peter Martin in Bedford. See I, 108, note 9.
[11] Cardington. [12] Stagsden, omitted from I, 104. [13] Felmersham.

SOULDROPP. Omnia bene.

WELINGTON.[1] Omnia bene.

PODYNGTON. Omnia bene.

FARNDYS.[2] Omnia bene.

KNOTTYNG. Omnia bene.

WYLSAMPSTED.[3] Omnia bene.

SHARNBROK. Omnia bene.

MYLTON HERNYS.[4] Omnia bene.

[WYM]YNGTON.[5] Omnia bene.

[ELNE] STOWE.[6] Omnia bene.

[STEV]ENTON.[7] Omnia bene.

[BROM]HAM. Omnia bene.

[CHE]LLINGTON. Omnia bene.

[HOU]GHTON CONQUEST.[8] Omnia bene.

[W]ODHULL.[9] Omnia bene.

[TUR]VEY. Omnia bene.

ECCLESIA SANCTI PETRI[10] ET SANCTE MARIE BEDFORD. Omnia bene.

BLETTENESHOO.[11] Omnia bene.

COPULL.[12] Omnia bene.

. . . . . .[13] Cancellus est ruinosus.

fo. 35. Blank.

fo. 35*d*.

Flytt decanatus[14]

FLYTTON. Omnia bene.

FLYTWYK. Omnia bene.

[1] Willington. [2] Farndish. [3] Wilshamstead. [4] Milton Ernest.
[5] The first letters of this and the next seven churches have been torn away, but are easily restored.
[6] Elstow. [7] Stevington. [8] See I, 106, note 10. [9] Odell.
[10] St. Peter Dunstable in Bedford. See I, 106, note 12.
[11] Bletsoe. [12] Cople.
[13] Name gone: Clapham, Harrold, Oakley or Wootton may be meant, as all were appropriated churches, to which this type of entry generally applies.
[14] 20 entries. Churches omitted: Cranfield, Gravenhurst Inferior, Husborne Crawley, Segenhoe, Westoning. One uncertain entry.

LYTLINGTON. Omnia bene.

HARLINGTON. Omnia bene.

MERSTON.[1] Omnia bene.

POLLOXHILL. Omnia bene.

AMPTYLL. Omnia bene.

HEUERSOLL.[2] Omnia bene.

MYLBROK. Omnia bene.

TYNGRYTH. Omnia bene.

HAWNES.[3] Omnia bene.

SAWLFORD.[4] Omnia bene.

HOLCOTT.[5] Omnia bene.

STEPINGLEY. Omnia bene.

[BURCHE]MORE.[6] Omnia bene.

[CL]OPHULL. Omnia bene.

[R]ECHEMOND.[7] Omnia bene.

. . . . . OM.[8] Omnia bene.

[ASPLE]GYSE.[9] Omnia bene.

MALDEN.[10] Radulphus Moreton habet tres vaccas in sua custodia que data fuerunt ad opus ecclesie de Malden ea intencione ad inueniendum vnum obitum annuatim in ecclesia predicta pro animabus Johannis Moreton et . . . . . .[11] deliberare non velit predictas vaccas ad vsum predictum.

fo. 36. Blank.

fo. 36*d*.

Dunstaple[12]

HIGHAM GUBBYON. Gardiani nichil presentant.

[1] Marston Moretaine. [2] Eversholt.
[3] Haynes. [4] Salford. [5] Holcutt.
[6] Birchmore, the parish in which Woburn abbey was locally situated.
[7] Ridgmont.
[8] *Sic.* This termination seems to belong to no parish in the deanery. Possibly it should be *ou* for Segenhoe; less likely *orn* for Husborne [Crawley].
[9] Aspley Guise. [10] Maulden. [11] Illegible, but the sense is clear.
[12] 15 entries. Churches omitted: Barton-in-the-Clay, Eaton Bray, Houghton Regis, Luton. The prebendal church of Leighton Buzzard with its chapels was a peculiar of the church of Lincoln.

CHALGRAVE. Omnia bene.

SUNDON. Omnia bene.

TYLLYSWORTH. Omnia bene.

CADYNGTON. Omnia bene.

POTTYSGRAVE. Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

WHIPSNADE. Gardiani nichil presentant.

HOKLEY.[1] Omnia bene.

TOTERNHOO. Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

MELTON BRYAN.[2] Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

STRETLEY. Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

[B]ADDILSDON.[3] Omnia bene.

STUDAM.[4] Robertus Bemund abest ecclesia tempore diuinorum.

TOTYNGDON.[5] Omnia bene.

DUNSTAPLE. xiij^{mo} die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo xxx^{o} in ecclesia conuentuali de Dunstaple comparuit Johannes Smyth de eadem notatus de incontinencia cum Mergareta Chapman vidua et dictus Johannes negauit articulum . Deinde dominus sibi assignauit ad comparendum crastino ad se purgandum se[6] tercia manu et eciam assignauit dicte Mergarete[7] simili modo ad se purgandum se[8] tercia manu honestarum mulierum.

fo. 37.[9]

Eisdem die et loco comparuit Johannes Crawley firmarius decimarum *ville* de Luton et pro eo quod[10] jura ecclesiastica et ordinaria *de eadem ecclesia de Luton*[11] non soluuntur reuerendo patri episcopo Lincolniensi . Dominus iniunxit eidem quod non intromittet se cum fructibus[12] decimarum eiusdem ecclesie donec et[13] quousque dicta jura persoluuntur sub pena excommunicacionis.

[1] Hockliffe. [2] Milton Bryant. [3] Battlesden.
[4] A mark for *nota* in margin. [5] Toddington.
[6] *Sic.* [7] *ad se* cancelled. [8] *Sic.*
[9] Mark for *nota* in margin. There seems to have been no presentation by the churchwardens of Luton. The tithes were held at farm from the abbot and convent of St. Albans, the rectors, and it looks as if this retention of tithe was an attempt to assert their peculiar jurisdiction over the church and parish.
[10] *provenciones* cancelled. [11] *s* cancelled.
[12] *eiusdem* cancelled. [13] *quosque hic* cancelled.

[1]Eisdem die et loco comparuit Johanna Bodyngton et[2] allegauit viua voce quod contraxit matrimonium cum quodam Hugone Bodyngton tunc presente et quod insimul[3] cohabitabant per spacium trium annorum et quod suscitauit ex eodem duas proles . Dictus Hugo fatetur premissa.

Deinde dominus pecijt ab eodem an *habet*[4] allegare aliquam causam quare non debet compelli eandem recipere in vxorem et tractare eam cum effectu maritali et dicit quod habet diuersas causas.

Deinde dominus sibi assignauit ad comparendum die Mercurij videlicet xxij^do^ die mensis Junij in ecclesia hospitalis sancti Johannis Northampton.

[5]Eisdem die et loco comparuit personaliter dominus Thomas Pett frater ordinis predicatorum de Dunst[aple] quem dominus iuramento onerauit de fideliter respondendo etc.

In primis interrogatus an predicauit publice in ecclesijs infra diocesim Lincolniensem dicit quod predicauit in duobus[6] ecclesijs sine licentia ordinarij.

Item interrogatus an vnquam fuit monachus de *monasterio* Sancti Neoti fatetur quod fuit monachus proffessus ibidem et exiuit religionem sine licentia prioris.

Item fatetur quod multociens diebus festiuis frequentat tabernas commedendo et bibendo.

Item fatetur quod recepit pecunias a quodam pastore et promisit resoluere . Fatetur that he hath[7] sayd that if eny man had eny thyng stolyn he wold tell where it wer but he cannot in ded.

[8]Ad quintum negat sed dicit that ther is a colett[9] in the booke; if a prest sey the colett for a woman beyng with childe and laboryng she shall spede the better, and then he takyth money for his masse, and thus he tellith the wiffes.

fo. 37*d*.

Ad sextum negat.

Ad septimum negat sed dicit quod celebrat missam tempore diuinorum videlicet tempore matutinarum et statim post missam frequentat tabernas.

[1] Mark for *nota* in margin. [2] *petiit* cancelled.
[3] *vixeru* cancelled. [4] Interlined above *potest* cancelled.
[5] A hand in margin. [6] *Sic:* for *duabus*. [7] *saith* cancelled.
[8] The actual form of this and the sixth and seventh interrogatories is wanting.
[9] I.e. collect.

He saith in christenmasse season he had[1] plaid behynd a coverlett and said thes wordes[2] . He made a popett of clowtes wyth his fyngar and[3] held it up *above the coverlett* and said / Domine doctor reuerende Welcom Watt from Wende[4] What tydinges in the coostes, et nichil aliud dixit.

[ARCHIDIACONATUS BUCKINGHAMIE]

fo. 56.

Muresley decanatus[5]

[EDLESB]URG'.[6] Nulla ibidem sunt corrigenda vt asserunt gardiani.

LYNCHELADE. Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

HORTWOD MAGNA.[7] Rector non residet.

WYNGRAVE.[8] Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio sancti Albani . Fenestre cancelli sunt fracte . Dominus iniunxit[9] quod reparentur citra festum sancti Michaelis.

DONTON.[10] Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

HARDEWYKE. Muri cemeterij ruinantur : habent parochiani ad includendum citra festum sancti Petri advincula.

DRAYTON BECHAMP. Commissarius ibidem omnia correxit.

WHADDON. Omnia bene.

IVINGHO. Ecclesia appropriatur rectori de Asherudge.[11]

COBLINTON.[12] Rector non residet.

WYNG. Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio sancti Albani.

CHEDYNGTON. Omnia bene.

[1] *a coverlett hanged upon wall and plaid* cancelled.
[2] *Domine doctor reuerende* cancelled. [3] *leid* cancelled.
[4] The sense is not obvious: probably a mere jingle.
[5] 18 entries. Churches omitted: Creslow, Drayton Parslow, Grove, Hawridge, Hogston, Marsworth, Mentmore, Stewkley.
[6] Edlesborough.
[7] Great Horwood. The rector was Henry Dely, inst. 1 Aug., 1529, in succession to Andrew Bensted, mentioned as non-resident, I, 44 (Lipscomb, *Hist. Bucks.* III, 386).
[8] Mark for *nota* in margin. [9] *q* cancelled. [10] Dunton.
[11] I.e. the house of the Precious Blood at Ashridge.
[12] Cublington. The rector was John Bexwyke, who succeeded Thomas Bexwyke 30 Dec., 1519 (Lipscomb III, 338, who gives the names wrongly as Hexwyke and Baptwike).

fo. 56*d*.

WHITCHURCH. Cancellus est ruinosus. Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio de Wouebourn. } Dominus iniunxit monacho ipsius monasterii de Wouebourn vt cancellus reparatur[1] citra festum sancti Petri advincula proximo futurum sub pena sequestracionis fructuum.

SLAPTON. Omnia bene.

SWANEBOURN. Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio de Wouebourn.

MURESLEY. Omnia ibidem corriguntur vt asserunt gardiani.

SULBURY.[2] Omnia bene.

PITHELESTHORN.[3] Ecclesia appropriatur rectori et sociis de Ashrudge.

fo. 57.

Wendouere decanatus[4]

ELLISBURY.[5] Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

MYSSENDEN MAGNA. Omnia bene.

MYSSENDEN PARUA. Nulla ibidem impunita.

WESTON TURVILL. Rector residet ibidem.[6]

ASHTON CLYNTON.[7] Magister Jakeman rector residet ibidem.

KYMBELL MAGNA. Omnia bene.

WENDOUER. Ecclesia appropriatur prioratui beate Marie de Overe.[8]

CODYNGTON.[9] Omnia bene.

DONYNGTON.[10] Nulla ibidem impunita vt asserunt gardiani.

HUCKOTT.[11] Omnia bene.

[1] *Sic*: for *reparetur*. [2] Soulbury. [3] Pitstone.

[4] 11 entries, one from a parochial chapel. Churches omitted: Bledlow, Haddenham, Hartwell, Horsendon, Little Kimble, Stone.

[5] Ellesborough.

[6] The rector of Weston Turville was John Ledbury, inst. 3 Oct., 1522, ob. 7 Nov., 1532 (Lipscomb II, 498).

[7] Aston Clinton. Thomas Jakeman, LL.B., was inst. vicar of Whitchurch 14 Oct., 1504 (Lipscomb III, 515). He res. Whitchurch for Bierton vicarage, a peculiar of the dean and chapter of Lincoln, 4 Feb., 1507–8 (*ibid*. I, 102), having been already inst. to Aston Clinton 5 Sept., 1507, which he held with Bierton till his death before 14 Sept., 1544. He was official of the archdeacon of Buckingham (*ibid*. I, 88). See also p. 32 below, note 6.

[8] The priory of St. Mary Overies, Southwark, dio. Winton.

[9] Cuddington, chapel to Haddenham. [10] Dinton. [11] Hulcott.

RISBOROW REGIS.[1] Johannes Metham fregit capud capellani parochialis.

fo. 57*d*. Blank.

fo. 58.

Woddesdon decanatus[2]

QUEYNTON. Rector residet ibidem.[3]

ASYNGDON.[4] Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

WARNOLDE.[5] Vicaria est ruinosa . Dominus iniunxit vicario ad reparandum vicariam citra festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli.[6]

SHOBYNGDON.[7] Nulla ibidem punienda.

BRYLL. Nulla ibidem presentanda sed sunt coram commissario.

LUDGARSALL. Omnia bene.

ESTCLAYDON. Gardiani dicunt in virtute iuramenti omnia bene.

KYNGSEY.[8] Nauis[9] ecclesie est ruinosa . Dominus iniunxit gardianis ad reparandum citra festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli sub pena excommunicacionis.

ASTON SANFORD. Nulla ibidem impunita.

CHILTON. Omnia bene.

DORTON. Omnia bene.

fo. 58*d*.

NORTHMERSTON. Ecclesia appropriatur collegio de Wyndesour.

BORSTALL. Omnia bene.

YKFORD.[10] Muri cemiterij ruinantur . Cancellus est ruinosus . Dominus iniunxit firmario ad reparandum cancellum citra festum sancti Petri advincula proximum.[11]

[1] Princes Risborough, appropriated to the abbot and convent of Nutley and served by a chaplain.

[2] 16 entries. Churches omitted: Fleet Marston, Grendon Underwood, Hogshaw, Ilmer, Long Crendon, Middle Claydon, Nether Winchendon, Oakley, Over Winchendon, Pitchcott, Wotton Underwood.

[3] Richard Cutler, inst. May, 1522. His successor was inst. 15 March, 1555–6 (Lipscomb I, 420).

[4] Ashendon.

[5] Worminghall: the form seems due to a corruption of the name, abbreviated as 'Wornall'. *Nota* mark in margin. John Tapeter (? Taxeter), vicar, inst. 13 March, 1527, was succeeded in the course of 1530 by John Hayes (Lipscomb I, 579).

[6] *Capellanus parochialis de* cancelled. [7] Shabbington.

[8] *Nota* mark in margin. [9] *es* cancelled. [10] Ickford. *Nota* in margin.

[11] The rector of Ickford at this time was Thomas Smith, inst. 27 Oct., 1518, ob. ant. 2 Dec., 1553 (Lipscomb I, 282).

OVYNG. Omnia bene.

WADESDON. Rectores sunt porcionarij ibidem residentes.[1]

fo. 59.

[2]In Dei nomine Amen . Nos Johannes Rayne vtriusque iuris doctor reuerendi in Christo patris et domini domini Johannis Dei gracia Lincolniensis episcopi vicarius in spiritualibus generalis et officialis principalis rite et legitime procedens Johannem Metham de Rysborow principis Lincolniensis diocesis ad hos diem et locum legitime uocatum sepius publice preconisatum diuciusque exspectatum et nullo modo comparentem pronunciamus contumacem et in penam contumacie sue huiusmodi ipsum ab ingressu ecclesie suspendimus in hijs scriptis.

fo. 59*d*. Blank.

fo. 60.

Wicombe decanatus[3]

WYCOMBE. Cimiterium violatur vaccis et animalibus vicarij ibidem.

Johannes Wellisbourn de Huchenden[4] debet ecclesie de Wicombe pro legato Henrici Tanner de eadem xx s. quos recusat soluere.

SAUNDERTON. Omnia bene.

HAUERINGDON.[5] Omnia bene.

RADNAGE. Omnia bene.

BRADENHAM. Omnia bene.

HUCHYNDEN.[6] Johannes Wellisborn vehebat segetes in[7] die dominica videlicet in vigilia . . . . beate Marie.[8]

MARLOWE MAGNA. Omnia bene.

[1] The portioners were Hugh Bristow, inst. 22 May, 1504, Robert Ley, pres. 21 Feb., 1520–1, and Robert Huntingdon, inst. 1 April, 1516. Huntingdon died 13 June, 1543, and was buried in the church (Lipscomb I, 496, 499, 505).

[2] See the entry for 'Risborow Regis' in Wendover deanery, above.

[3] 15 entries, one repeated. No omissions.

[4] See the entry for 'Huchynden' below.

[5] West Wycombe.

[6] Hughenden: see the entry for Wycombe above.

[7] *vig* cancelled.

[8] The eve of the Assumption (14 Aug.) fell on a Sunday in 1530, but the date of this visitation seems to be earlier in the year. The eve of the Annunciation, however, fell in 1530 on Sunday, 4 April, as the feast was transferred that year to 5 April, owing to the occurrence of 25 March in Holy Week.

MERLOWE PARUA. Stephanus Wytney non audit diuina officia diebus festiuis in ecclesia.

. . . .[1] recusat soluere d[enarios] Pet[ri] . . . parrochie.

fo. 60*d*.

Issabella Johnson est communis diffamatrix.

Galfridus Fuller de Heddissore[2] subtrahit ijs. vjd. debitos ecclesie de Merlowe Parua pro lumine crucifixi.[3]

[? MEDMENHAM.][4] Radulphus Ravenyng recusat soluere salarium aquebaiuli iuxta antiquam consuetudinem parrochie.

[? HAMBLEDEN.] Galfridus Lytylboy differt solemnizacionem matrimonii cum Alicia Smorte cum qua contraxit matrimonium , et cohabitauerunt adinuicem per spatium vnius anni et vltra.

[TUR]FELD.[5] Johannes Kent recusat[6] reparare muros cimiterij ad quorum reparacionem ex consuetudine tenetur.

fo. 61.

TYNGHURST.[7] Robertus Ho . . inson subtrahit ab ecclesia ibidem iijs. pro redditu vnius domus ecclesie pertinentis.

FALLEY.[8] Omnia bene.

WOOBORN. Omnia bene.

HUCHINDON.[9] Magister Wodford firmarius rectorie subtraxit vjs. viijd. . . . . os pro salario aquebaiuli per multos annos.

Burnham decanatus[10]

BURNHAM. Radulphus Bovington Edmundus Robertes . . . . . hare vidua s[ubtrahunt] panem benedictum et inter parrochianos ibidem distribuendum.

Firmarius[11] vicarij ibidem . . . . . eadem . . . . duos p . . . . . risiuales vnum in festo dedica[cionis] . . . . . in festo purif[icacionis beate Marie].

[1] ? *Idem*. [2] Hedsor, a chapelry in Wooburn parish.
[3] The light before the rood.
[4] The names of the places to which this and the next entry refer have disappeared ; but one should be Medmenham and the other Hambleden.
[5] Turville. [6] *soluere* cancelled. [7] Fingest.
[8] Fawley. [9] Hughenden repeated.
[10] 16 entries, 2 parochial chapels. Owing to the disappearance of names of places from the margin, the omissions are uncertain.
[11] *ibidem s* cancelled. The vicar of Burnham was James Mallet, A.M., inst. 8 Nov., 1504, res. ant. 22 May, 1533 (Lipscomb III, 213).

fo. 61*d*.

TAPLOWE. Johannes Bovington habet vnam acram terre et dimidiam pro sustentacione lampadis , et nec manutenebit lumen nec sinet alios habere huiusmodi terras ad sustendandum[1] ibidem lumen.

Thomas Taternoll famulus Willelmi Furnour inpregnauit Helenam . . . . de eadem viduam.

STOKEBOVIES.[2] Johannes Sprygonell decessit absque sacramentis ecclesie culpa curati ibidem qui requisitus fuerat ad ministrandum sacramenta ecclesie per vxorem eiusdem defuncti : recusat etiam visitare alios infirmos in parrochia.

. . . . . .[3] Omnia bene.

. . . . . Omnia bene.

[WYR]ERDESBURY.[4] Omnia bene.

[HOR]TON. Omnia [bene].

CHALFONT ET . . . ELSOM.[5] Omnia [bene].

fo. 62.

. . . . . Omnia bene.

BECONESFELD. Mulier exstranea accessit nuper ibidem ad villam per annum elapsum et est miserabilis persona ac stulta et moratur in domo Willelmi Edmond.

Edmundus Sterre multocies absentauit se ab ecclesia sua parochiali partim ut credit ob timorem[6] execucionis breuium regalium versus [eum] et partim ob paupertatem et defectum vestimentorum.

ISTENHAMSTED.[7] Omnia bene.

WEXHAM. Omnia bene.

. . . . . SHAM.[8] Omnia bene.

fo. 62*d*.

FULMERE. Henricus Johns recusat soluere aquebaiulo ut alij parrochiani soluunt [pro] salario suo.

Curatus ibidem non obseruat horas debitas in diuinis celebrandis.

[1] *Sic.* [2] Stoke Poges.

[3] The identification of this and the next entry is uncertain, as the names have gone.

[4] Wraysbury.

[5] *Sic.* Which of the Chalfonts is meant is not clear. Probably the other Chalfont is referred to in the next entry.

[6] *&* cancelled. [7] Chenies.

[8] Either Amersham (Agmondesham) or Chesham.

BOVENEY.[1] Omnia bene.

LANGLEY.[2] . . . . . .

fo. 82.

[ARCHIDIACONATUS HUNTINGDONIE]

Barkhampsted decanatus[3]

HARPEDEN.[4] Johannes Hunt viuit incontinenter cum Johanna Willys seruiente sua . xx^mo^ die mensis Maij anno domini millesimo quingentesimo xxx^mo^ in ecclesia parochiali de Whethampsted comparuit personaliter Johannes Hunt de Harpeden cui dominus obiecit quod ipse carnaliter cognouit Johannam Willys seruientem suam . Negat . Cui dominus assignauit ad comparendum die Mercurij proximo ad se purgandum die Mercurij proximo se[5] quinta manu honestorum vicinorum . Postea comparuerunt apud prioratum sancti Egidij[6] et fatebantur contraxisse matrimonium adinvicem et contraxerunt.[7]

Item quod tibi obicimus quod tu dedisti consilium dicte mulieri et eidem persuadisti vt reciperet et biberet certayn drynkes to distroy the childe that she is with . Dominus monuit eum ad comparendum in crastino apud prioratum sancti Egidij et fatebatur se carnaliter cognouisse eandem ; quibus dominus iniunxit quod die dominica quando dominus vicarius generalis[8] sibi assignabit peragent penitenciam publicam ante crucem[9] apud Harpeden more penitenti et quod quamcitius commode poterunt facient nupcias solempnisare et iniunxit sub pena excommunicacionis quod non viuent incontinenter quousque nupcie fuerint solempnisare.[10]

WYGNTON.[11] Magister doctor Waryn rector non residet.[12]

[1] Chapel to Burnham.
[2] Chapel to Wraysbury. Entry otherwise illegible.
[3] 14 entries, two parochial chapels. Churches omitted: Berkhampstead St. Peter's, Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley.
[4] Harpenden, chapel to Wheathampstead. [5] *Sic.*
[6] St. Giles' in the Wood at Flamstead. [7] *Sic.* [8] *placium* cancelled.
[9] I.e. walking before the processional cross in the Sunday procession.
[10] *Sic*; for *solempnisate.* [11] Wigginton, chapel to Tring.
[12] Mag. Richard Warham, rector of Tring in 1526, is no doubt meant. The church was in the gift of the archbishop of Canterbury, then William Warham.

FLAMSTED.[1] Rector tenetur distribuere annuatim vij quarteria frumenti pro animabus dominorum fundi . Comparuit rector et allegauit quod non tenetur ita distribuere.[2]

KENNYSWORTH. Omnia bene.

TRYNG. Omnia bene.

BARKHAMPSTED MARIE.[3] Magister doctor Grene rector est in seruicio domine regine.[4]

GADDESDEN PARUA.[5] Rector residet in alio beneficio in comitatu Bedfordie[6] . Cancellus est ruinosus set dominus iniunxit vt reparatur[7] citra festum sancti Michaelis proximum.

SHENLEY. Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

PUTTENHAM. Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

fo. 82*d*.

NORTH MYMMYS.[8] Rectores detinet[9] cimiterium a vicario.

WHETHAMPSTED. Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

ALBURY. Capella cantarie est ruinosa.

GADDESDEN.[10] Thomas Clarke fatetur se carnaliter cognouisse Agnetem Dryvar *circiter festum sancti Michaelis*[11] et eam impregnasse , set negat se contraxisse cum eadem : cui dominus iniunxit quod ipse videbit puerum nutriri et quamcitius poterit.

Dominus iniunxit dicte Agneti quod ipsa die dominico proximo post[12] Purificacionem antecedet processionem more penitenti differendo candelam ardentem in manu sua et tempore offertorij offeret candelam ad manus sacerdotis.

[1] *Nota* mark against this entry.

[2] The rector of Flamstead was Maurice Brichinsha (Birkenshaw), inst. 15 March, 1527, res. April, 1538 (Clutterbuck, *Hist. Herts.* I, 365).

[3] Northchurch.

[4] William Grene, S.T.P., inst. 28 July, 1529; preb. Holborn in St. Paul's, 1534; ob. ant. 30 Oct., 1540 (Clutterbuck I, 319; Hennessy 30, c 190). Hennessy says that he was rector of Kettering, confusing him with mag. Simon Grene, inst. 28 July, 1529 (Bridges, *Hist. Nhants* II, 243). He was vicar of Lancaster c. 1525–1540 (*V.C.H. Lancs.* VIII, 29). Will proved 25 Feb., 1540–1 (P.C.C. 24 Alengar).

[5] *Nota* mark against this entry.

[6] The rector in 1526 was John Wyatt, who was also vicar of Oakley in Bedfordshire. See I, 101 *n*. In 1526 he is called at Oakley Wyon (Wyan in V.E.). In 1526 another John Wyan was rector of Renhold, Beds.

[7] *Sic*.

[8] *Nota* mark against this entry.

[9] *Sic*. The rectors of North Mimms were the prior and convent of the London Charterhouse.

[10] Hand against entry.

[11] Interlined above *et tre* cancelled.

[12] *s* cancelled.

ALDENHAM.[1] Abbas et conuentus ibidem[2] sunt proprietarij ibidem . Cancellus est multum ruinosus . Vicarius non residet set fuit absens per decem annos; vocatur magister Marshall.[3]

fo. 83.

Hertford decanatus[4]

HERTFORD SANCTORUM.[5] Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio de Waltham.

HATEFELD.[6] Omnia bene.

DYGNESWELL.[7] Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

CHACOMBE.[8] Gardiani dicunt omnia ibidem bene.

WELWYN. Rector non residet.[9]

BENGEO.[10] Vicaria est ruinosa . Promisit *fide media* vicarius[11] reparare vicariam suam citra festum sancti Michaelis.

AYOT LAURENCIJ. Rector dominus Thomas Horle residet ibidem.[12]

DACHEWORTH. Omnia bene.

WATTON ATSTON.[13] Omnia bene.

BRANTESFELD.[14] Nulla ibidem impunita.

TATERYGE.[15] Capella est ruinosa . Dominus iniunxit gardianis ad reparandum eandem capellam citra festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli sub pena excommunicacionis.

fo. 83*d*.

HERTFORD NICHOLAI. Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

AYOTT PETRI. Nulla ibidem corrigenda.

HERTFORD PRIORATUS.[16] Omnia bene.

[1] Hand against entry. [2] *Sic*: for *sancti Albani*.
[3] Robert Marshall, inst. 6 Sept., 1506, ob. ant. 9 Sept., 1531 (Clutterbuck I, 135).
[4] 14 entries, one parochial chapel, one monastic cell. Churches omitted: Berkhampstead Parva, Essendon, Hertford St. Andrew and St. John, Hertingfordbury, Stapleford, Tewin.
[5] All Saints', Hertford. [6] Hatfield. [7] Digswell. [8] Sacombe.
[9] The rector was Thomas Thomson, S.T.B., inst. 5 July, 1505, ob. ant. 2 Oct., 1540 (Clutterbuck II, 498).
[10] Hand against entry.
[11] Henry Bacon, M.A., inst. 5 Nov., 1520 (Clutterbuck II, 28). The rectors were the abbot and convent of Bermondsey.
[12] Thomas Hawley, inst. 17 Dec., 1502, ob. ant. 11 March, 1545–6 (Clutterbuck II, 256). Apparently identical with Thomas Horley, rector of Graveley, inst. 13 Nov., 1517 (*ibid.* II, 331).
[13] Watton at Stone. [14] Bramfield.
[15] Totteridge, chapel to Hatfield. *Nota* against entry.
[16] Cell of St. Albans.

fo. 84.

Hychyn decanatus[1]

STEVENAGE. Radulphus Blundell impregnauit Aliciam Marshe de eadem[2] sed habuit penitenciam sibi iniunctam per commissarium et quod non admitteret eandem ad consorcium suum.

xv^mo^. die Maij comparuit dictus Radulphus Blundell in ecclesia parochiali de Hychyn et fatetur quod dicta Alicia fuit in domo ipsius quinque diebus et ibidem pernoctabat citra tempus purificacionis sue . Cui dominus iniunxit quod ipse propter violacionem iniunccionum alias per commissarium factarum die dominico proximo more penitenti differet candelam in manu sua ardentem ante processionem apud Stevenage . Postea dominus commutauit penitenciam , videlicet quod ipse die dominico proximo offeret candelam ad manus sacerdotis tunc ibidem missam celebrantis et die Veneris proximo jeiunabit pane et aqua.

WYMMELEY PARVA.[3] Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

HYCHYN. Magister doctor Draycott non residet[4] . Cetera bene.

WALDEN REGIS. Omnia bene.

LYLLYE. Rector residet in alio beneficio.[5]

EKILSFORD.[6] Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

KYMPTON. Omnia bene.

WYMLEY MAGNA.[7] Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

GRAVELEY. Rector residet et omnia bene.

CHESSEFELD.[8] Omnia bene.

[1] 13 entries, two parochial chapels. Churches omitted: Knebworth, Letchworth.

[2] *p* cancelled. [3] Wymondley Parva.

[4] Anthony Draycott, vicar, inst. 11 Dec., 1527; res. March, 1531 (Clutterbuck III, 36); preb. of Bedford Major in Lincoln 11 Feb., 1538–9; archdeacon of Stow 15 Jan., 1542–3; archdeacon of Huntingdon 27 July, 1543, deprived 1560; ob. 20 Jan., 1570–1 (see Le Neve II, 52, 80, 107).

[5] Hugh Ellis, inst. to Lilley 12 Dec., 1515, ob. ant. 10 June, 1540 (Clutterbuck III, 88). Probably the Hugh Elys mentioned *V.E.* III, 107, as preb. of Penkridge in the collegiate church of Penkridge, but resident in Anglesey, in which case he probably held a living in that island. But the names of incumbents in Anglesey are not given in V.E.

[6] Ickleford. [7] Wymondley Magna.

[8] Chivesfield, united to Graveley. See p. 16, note 12 above.

PYRTON CAPELLA.[1] Omnia bene.

OFFLEY. Omnia bene.

SANCTI IPOLITI.[2] Omnia bene.

fo. 84*d*. Blank.

fo. 85.

Baldoke decanatus[3]

ASHEWELL.[4] Cancellus est ruinosus adeo quod pluit super summum altare . Vicarius hijs decem annis non predicauit verbum Dei.[5]

HYNXWORTH. Omnia bene.

WYLLYON.[6] Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

MUNDEN PARUA. Omnia bene.

ASTON. Omnia bene.

RUSHDEN. [7]Nulla sunt ibidem impunita.

MUNDEN MAGNA. Rector residet et omnia bene.[8]

WALKHORN.[9] Omnia bene.

ASPEDEN.[10] Omnia bene.

BENYNGTON. Omnia bene gubernantur.

CODRITH.[11] Nulla ibidem impunita.

WESTMYLL. Omnia bene.

KELSHULL. Rector non residet est in seruicio domine principisse.[12]

WALYNGTON. Rector non residet ibidem set apud Stoke Clare.[13]

[1] Pirton, subsequently united to Ickleford, but at this date a vicarage in the gift of the abbot and convent of Ramsey.

[2] Ippollitts.

[3] 16 entries. Churches omitted: Ardeley, Baldock, Bygrave, Caldecote, Clothall, Radwell, Throcking, Weston, Wormley.

[4] *Nota* mark in margin.

[5] The rectors of Ashwell were the abbot and convent of Westminster. The vicar was Richard Powell, inst. 30 Oct., 1514, ob. ant. 22 Oct., 1543 (Clutterbuck III, 487).

[6] Willian. [7] *Nulll* cancelled.

[8] The rector was Robert King, inst. 19 July, 1510, ob. ant. 20 Dec., 1538 (Clutterbuck II, 394).

[9] Walkern. [10] Aspenden. [11] Cottered.

[12] William Atkinson, inst. to Kelshall 3 Feb., 1509–10, ob. ant. 9 Feb., 1535–6 (Clutterbuck III, 535).

[13] John Cale or Kele, inst. 6 Feb., 1522–3, ob. ant. 17 May, 1538 (Clutterbuck III, 597). Apparently one of the canons of the college of Stoke-by-Clare in Suffolk, but is not among those named in *V.E.* III, 471.

fo. 85*d*.

SANDON. Omnia bene.

THERFELDE. Rector non residet[1] . Muri ecclesie ruinantur.

fo. 86. Blank.

fo. 88*d*. Blank.

fo. 89.

Huntyngdon[2]

fo. 89*d*. Blank.

fo. 90.

Sancti Neoti decanatus[3]

ABOTYSLEY.[4] Omnia bene.

EUERTON. Omnia bene.

GRANTESDEN MAGNA.[5] Ecclesia appropriatur collegio de Clarehall Cantabrigie . Vicarius residet[6] / fiunt ibidem distribuciones ad summam iijs. iiijd. per annum.

SOUTHO. Monasterio de Huntingdon appropriatur / vicarius non residet . Moram facit in Northfolk/[7]

PAXTON PARUA.[8] Ecclesia appropriatur decano et capitulo Lincolniensibus . Vicarius moram facit apud Lincolniam . Non fiunt distribuciones.

PAXTON MAGNA. Ecclesia appropriatur decano et capitulo Lincolniensibus . Vicarius moram facit Lincolnie . Non fiunt ibidem distribuciones.

YELING. Omnia bene.

[1] Richard Sydnor (not, as Clutterbuck III, 587, Gydnor), inst. 28 May, 1523, ob. ant. 17 May, 1534.

[2] This merely marks the beginning of the returns for the northern part of the archdeaconry of Huntingdon, viz. the Huntingdonshire deaneries, the Hertfordshire deaneries having already been dealt with. Below the word the scribe has tried his pen with a scribble *a lo l* (*bengeo* and a rough drawing of a head and bust.

[3] 15 entries, 3 parochial chapels. Churches omitted : Fenstanton, Godmanchester, Hemingford Abbots, Hemingford Grey.

[4] Abbotsley. [5] Great Gransden.

[6] The vicar was John Rachedall or Radishall, inst. 1507, quitted in 1533 and succeeded by Richard Nicholson (Noble, *Incumbents Co. Huntingdon*, pt. iv, 103).

[7] The vicar was Nicholas Bothe, inst. 1507, ob. 1543 (Noble, pt. vii, p. 200).

[8] A chapel to Great Paxton, to which the entry, repeated under Great Paxton, refers. The vicar of Great Paxton was Henry Cokkes, inst. 1528 on death of John Dawson, res. 1557 (Noble, pt. vii, p. 166).

HAYLWESTON.[1] Omnia bene.

CAPELLA DE TOWISLOND.[2] Omnia bene.

DODINGTON.[3] Ecclesia appropriatur collegio de Merton Oxonie . Dominus Matheus Condl[4] vicarius residet.

OFFORD CLUNEY. Omnia bene.

WERESLEY.[5] Omnia bene.

SANCTI NEOTI. Omnia bene.

OFFORD DUCY.[6] Omnia bene.

EYNESBURY. Capella sancti Thome de Hardewik est . . . . .[7] / solent habere diuina officia ibidem.

fo. 90*d*. Blank.

fo. 91.

Neoti decanatus

Secundo die mensis Maij anno domini millesimo quingentesimo xxx^mo^ in ecclesia parochiali sancti Neoti coram domino tunc iudicialiter sedente comparuit personaliter Johannes Barnerd de Godmanchester apparitor et certificauit se citasse Johannem Graunger de Godmanchister antedicta die Veneris[8] xxij^no^ videlicet die Aprilis vltimo preterito per ipsum infra villam de Godmanchester personaliter apprehensum / et super hoc fecit fidem . Et deinde dominus eundem Johannem Granger sepius publice preconisatum et non comparentem suspendidit in scriptis vt sequitur . In Dei nomine Amen . Nos Johannes Rayne juris vtriusque doctor reuerendi in Christo patris et domini domini Johannis Dei gracia episcopi Lincolniensis vicarius in spiritualibus generalis et officialis principalis iure et legitime predictum Johannem Granger de Godmanchester ad hos diem et locum legitime et peremptorie citatum sepius publice preconisatum diutiusque et sufficienter expectatum et nullo modo comparentem pronunciamus contumacem et in penam contumacie sue huiusmodi ipsum ab [ingressu] ecclesie suspendimus in hijs scriptis.

Radulphum Blundell de Stevenage.

Aliciam Marsh de eadem[9]

[1] Chapel to Southoe.

[2] Toseland, chapel to Great Paxton. [3] Diddington.

[4] Condall. Noble, p. 198, gives Matthew Cond*ar*. He died in 1530 and was succeeded by William Gostwick.

[5] Waresley. [6] *Sic*: for Offord Darcy.

[7] The word wanted seems to be *inofficiata*. Cf. I, 118.

[8] *ultimo* cancelled.

[9] These memoranda refer to the case noted p. 17 above.

fo. 91*d*. Blank.

fo. 92.

Leightonstoune decanatus[1]

WYNWYK.[2] Quidam Willelmus Johnson obseruat personas suspectas in domo sua.

SWYNESHED. Dominus Johannes Smythe rector non residet[3] . Cetera bene.

COPMANFORD.[4] Domus rectorie est in decasu.[5]

HAMERTON. Cancellus est in decasu . Similiter rectoria caret reparacionibus.[6]

CATWOURTH. Omnia bene.

BRINGTON. Omnia bene.

KEISTON.[7] Rectoria est ruinosa.

ELINGTON. Omnia bene.

COVINGTON. Omnia bene.

STEEPULL GIDYNG. Omnia bene.

WESTON. Cancellus caret reparacione in fenestris et alijs diuersis[8] locis.

BUCKWOURTH. Omnia bene.

TURNYNG.[9] Dominus Johannes Tauern[10] rector non residet . Cetera bene.

MOWLLYSWOURTH.[11] Omnia bene.

[1] 17 entries. Churches omitted: Grafham, Great Gidding, as well as the five prebendal churches of Brampton, Buckden, Leighton Bromeswold, Spaldwick and Stow Longa, locally in this deanery.

[2] *Nota* mark in margin.

[3] *Sic.* John Smythe, inst. 1525, res. 1535, when he was succeeded by Roger Colborne (Noble, pt. viii, 258).

[4] Coppingford.

[5] The rector was Richard Parkar, inst. 1516, ob. 1534, when he was succeeded by John Parkar (Noble, pt. ii, 194).

[6] The rector was Robert Appulby, inst. 1517, still rector in 1540 (Noble, pt. v, 117).

[7] Keyston. The rector was John Paullsgrave or Palgrave, inst. 1524, still rector in 1535 (Noble, pt. v, 136).

[8] *locus* apparently cancelled. Old Weston seems to have been united to Brington and Bythorn.

[9] Thurning. *Nota* mark in margin.

[10] The name is indistinctly written, and may be *Toluern.* But the rector was John Taverham, inst. 1522. He res. 1530, and was succeeded by Richard (al. Nicholas or Matthew) Smyth, who res. 1530. Thomas Stokes, inst. 1533, was rector in 1535 (Noble, pt. viii, 259).

[11] Molesworth.

WOLLEY. Omnia bene.

LYTTELL GIDDING. Omnia bene.

AULKINBURY.[1] Omnia bene.

fo. 92*d*. Blank.

fo. 93.

[2]xxvij^{mo} die Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo xxx^{mo} in quadam capella infra villam sancti Ivonis coram domino cancellario iudicialiter sedente comparuit personaliter Johanna Mertym de Owton[3] et allegauit quod[4] Robertus Blundell contraxit matrimonium cum eadem[5] et quod eam cognouit et impregnauit in presencia dicti Roberti confitentis quod ipsam cognouit et impregnauit et eciam confitentis quod dixit eidem / I will mary the and iff thowe wylt lett me have adoo with the and she sayde certayn I wyll neuer haue noon but you / And vpon that they had adoo together.

Deinde dominus cancellarius adiudicauit ipsum Robertum eidem in maritum et[6] ipsam Johannam eidem in vxorem et monuit eosdem[7] et[8] matrimonium inter eosdem solempnisare citra primum diem mensis Augusti proximum sub penis excommunicacionis maioris.

xxviij^{mo} Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo xxx^{mo}.

fo. 93*d*. Blank.

fo. 94.

Yakesley decanatus[9]

MORIBOURN.[10] Pars rectorie est in decasu . Cetera bene.

. . . . . Omnia bene.

HADDON. Omnia bene.

[1] Alconbury. [2] *Nota* mark in margin.
[3] Houghton cum Wyton. [4] *mat* cancelled.
[5] *in presencia dicti Roberti et quod eam impregnauit et carnaliter cognouit* cancelled.
[6] *quod matrimonium inter eosdem* cancelled.
[7] . . . . *forsan* cancelled. [8] *Sic.*
[9] 27 entries, one parochial chapel. The deanery of Yaxley is here combined with that of St. Ives, to which the parishes mentioned on fo. 94*d* belonged. For churches omitted from the second of these deaneries see p. 23 below, note 10. Churches omitted from Yaxley: Alwalton, Caldecote, Chesterton, Conington, Elton, Orton Waterville, Stibbington, Water Newton, Wood Walton, Woodstone.
[10] Morborne. The rector was Richard Butler, inst. 1518, ob. 1540 (Noble, pt. vi, p. 158).

SAUTRE OMNIUM SANCTORUM.[1] Rector residet . Cetera bene.

CONYNGTON. Magister doctor Dingley rector non residet ibidem[2] . Est in seruitiò domini Regis . Rectoria dimittitur Willelmo Bykell . . . . facit . . . . valet . . . . .

SAUTRE SANCTI ANDREE.[3] Cancellus est ruinosus.

. . . . . DE GLATTON.[4] Omnia bene.

STANGROUND ET FARSET.[5] Dicunt gardiani quod Johanna[6] habuit prolem cum quodam Thoma . . . . seruiente Willelmi Hutchyn . / Et quod habent capellam in villa de Fersett et parietes eiusdem capelle sunt ruinose.

fo. 94*d*.

STANTON.[7] Cancellus est ruinosus.

WARDEBOYS.[8] Willelmus Crossely, Mergareta Crossley } non obseruant legem Dei.

Thomas Wilks, Agnes Gryne } viuunt suspecte.

RIPTON REGIS. Dominus Ricardus Neype rector[9] . / Rectoria est ruinosa / cancellus eiusdem ecclesie est ruinosus.

. . . . . .[10] Omnia bene.

. . . . . Omnia bene.

. . . . . Est ibidem quedam mulier seruiens Johannis Pope que detecta erat coram domino commissario super crimine incontinencie Et iniunctum erat ei peragere penitenciam / quam minime perimpleuit.

WITTON.[11] Omnia bene.

[1] Sawtry Moyne. The rector was John Astell, inst. 1524, vacated 1551. (Noble, pt. vii, 193).

[2] Roger Dyngley, D.D., inst. 1528, ob. 1539 (Noble, pt. ii, 193).

[3] Sawtry Beaumes. The rector was William Long, inst. 1517. He res. 1533, when he was succeeded by Robert Byrchall.

[4] Probably *Holme capella de Glatton.*

[5] *Nota* mark in margin. Farcet, as indicated in the text, was a chapel to Stanground.

[6] Surname blank.

[7] If this is Fenstanton, it was in the deanery of St. Neots; but its neighbourhood to St. Ives may account for its appearance among the parishes on fo. 94d, which belong to St. Ives deanery. The proprietors were the dean and canons of St. Stephen's, Westminster.

[8] Warboys. *Nota* mark in margin.

[9] Richard Nepe succeeded Thomas Broke, rector in 1526. Instn. not recorded, but he died in 1558 (Noble, pt. vii, 190).

[10] The names of this and the next two parishes are wanting. There are no returns from Bluntisham, Broughton, Bury, Hartford, Hepmangrove, Holywell, Ramsey, St. Ives, Somersham and Little Stukeley.

[11] Wyton, united with Houghton.

RIPTON ABBATIS. Omnia bene.

STEWCLEY MAGNA.[1] Omnia bene.

VPWOD. Omnia bene preterquam quod fenestre sunt in decasu.

fo. 95.

HOUGHTON.[2] Porte cimitorij sunt fracte.

YAKESLEY. Omnia bene.

BOTYLBRIG.[3] Omnia bene.

STILTON.[4] Omnia bene / preterquam quod rector non residet / Bell[5] est impregnata per quem nescitur / Rectoria est in ruina.[6]

FLETTON. Omnia recte.

OUERTONLONGVILE.[7] Omnia mediocriter.

FOLKISWOURTH. Omnia bene.

DENTON. Omnia bene.

GLATTON.[8] *Parietes*[9] cimitorij sunt in defectu / Agnes Norman seruiens Johanni Chapman est impregnata /[10]

fo. 95*d*. Blank.

fo. 100.

Northampton

fo. 100*d*. Blank.

fo. 101.

Brakley decanatus[11]

SLAPTON. Omnia bene.

[1] Great Stukeley.
[2] Still in the deanery of St. Ives. The remainder are in Yaxley.
[3] Botolphbridge. [4] *Nota* mark in margin.
[5] Apparently this is the name: Christian name wanting.
[6] John Denham, rector in 1526 (probably inst. 1504), res. 1532, and was succeeded by Richard Key (Noble, pt. viii, 253).
[7] Orton Longville. [8] *Nota* mark in margin.
[9] Written above *paries* left uncancelled.
[10] For the identification of incumbents mentioned or implied, much help has been given by the lists of *Incumbents of the County of Huntingdon* by the Rev. W. M. Noble, published in nine serial parts in successive volumes of the *Transactions of the Cambs. and Hunts. Archaeol. Soc.*
[11] 16 entries. Some 25 churches are omitted, those which are given being in the southern part of this large deanery. It is probable that the visitation was held in two parts, but for this particular district it is incomplete, as the churches of Aynho, Croughton, Edgcote, Syresham and one or two others should have been included.

HELMEDEN. Omnia bene.

BLAKESLEY. Omnia bene.

EUELAY.[1] Omnia bene.

MARSTON.[2] Omnia bene.

BODINGTON. Omnia bene.

CULWOURTH. Omnia bene.

HYNTON.[3] Omnia bene.

FARNYNGO.[4] Omnia bene.

RANDYLL.[5] Omnia bene.

ASTON.[6] Omnia bene.

FENFOURD.[7] Omnia bene.

WARDUN.[8] Omnia bene.

MYDDILTON CHEYNEY. Omnia bene.

WAPNAM.[9] Omnia bene.

GRYTWOURTH.[10] Omnia [bene.]

fo. 101*d*. Blank.

fo. 102. Blank.

fo. 102*d*.

Preston decanatus[11]

DYNTON.[12] Omnia bene.

WOTTON.[13] Omnia bene.

YARDELEY.[14] Omnia bene.

GRENDON. Omnia bene.

WHISTON. Omnia bene.

ROTHERSTHORP. Omnia bene.

[1] Evenley.
[2] Marston St. Laurence. The church was a prebend in the church of Lincoln.
[3] Hinton-in-the-Hedges. [4] Farthinghoe.
[5] Not identified. Possibly Thorpe Mandeville may be meant.
[6] Aston-le-Walls. [7] Thenford. [8] Chipping Warden.
[9] Wappenham. [10] Greatworth.
[11] 10 entries, two parochial chapels. Some 22 churches omitted.
[12] Denton, chapel to Whiston. [13] Wootton.
[14] Yardley Hastings.

HORTON.[1] Dicunt quod carent curato cancellumque ruinosum defectu abbatis sancti Jacobi iuxta Northampton.[2]

PYDINGTON.[3] Omnia recte.

ASSBY.[4] Omnia bene.

QUINTON.[5] Dicunt quod rectoria est ruinosa . Cancellus ita est in defectu quod presbiter non potest celebrare missam ibidem.

fo. 103. Blank.

fo. 103*d*.

Rutland[6]

PYSBROKE.[7] Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

BAROWDON. Magister Rolandus Dygby rector.[8]

VPPINGHAM. Rector non residet.[9]

WARDELEY.[10] Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio de Landa[11] . Thomas Taylor notatur de incontinencia cum Alicia Caster vidua . Fatetur dicta Alicia quod dictus Thomas eam carnaliter cognouit , cui dominus iniunxit quod ipsa die dominico proximo post festum *Natiuitatis* sancti Johannis Baptiste proximum antecederet processionem apud Wardeley differendo candelam ceream precij oboli in vna manu et par precularum[12] in alia manu more penitentis, quod se facturum promisit.

Dictus Thomas Caster[13] iuratus in virtute iuramenti sui negat et habet ad se purgandum cum quarta manu honestorum virorum vicinorum coram decano Rutlandie.

TYKENCOTE. Rector residet ibidem et omnia bene.[14]

LYNDON. Omnia bene vt asserunt gardiani.

[1] Hand in margin.
[2] The abbot and convent of St. James were proprietors. There was a vicar and in 1526 a stipendiary curate, who appears to have left and his place to have been unfilled.
[3] Piddington, chapel to Horton.
[4] Castle Ashby.
[5] Hand in margin. The rector was John Chaunterell, inst. 26 Aug. 1511 (Bridges, *Hist. Nhants* I, 385).
[6] 6 entries, a small minority of the churches in the deanery, some 42 in number, not including the prebendal churches of Empingham, Ketton and Liddington.
[7] Bisbrooke. [8] Rector in 1526.
[9] The rector in 1526 was mag. William Molden.
[10] *Nota* marks in margin against this and the next paragraph.
[11] Laund priory in Leicestershire, a few miles west of Wardley.
[12] A pair of beads. [13] *Sic :* for Taylor.
[14] The rector in 1526 was James Wylle.

fo. 104. Blank.

fo. 104*d*.

Rowell decanatus[1]

CRANESLEY. Ecclesia appropriatur collegio Noui Operis Lecestrie et omnia bene.[2]

DRAWTON.[3] Iconomi dicunt omnia bene.

FARNDON. Rector non residet : est in seruicio domini regis.[4]

BARTON.[5] Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio de Pratis iuxta Northamptoniam : vicarius residet ibidem.[6]

OXENDON MAGNA.[7] Gardiani dicunt ibidem nulla ibidem impunita.

. . . . WELL.[8] Capellanus non reddit computum de bonis et redditibus capelle beate Marie ibidem.

HOLCOT. Omnia bene.

HANYNGTON. Rector residet ibidem.[9]

WYLBE.[10] Rector residet ibidem.

ECTON. Rector.[11]

HARRINGTON. Dominus Ricardus Grose rector residet ibidem.[12]

THORPMALSOVER. Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

BROUGHTON. Omnia bene.

ASHBY MARYS.[13] Ecclesia appropriatur priori domus Cartusiane iuxta Couentriam.

PYGHTESLEY.[14] Nulla ibidem corrigenda sunt.

SYWELL. Rector residet ibidem.[15]

[1] 26 entries. Some 16 churches omitted.
[2] For the appropriation see Thompson, *Hist. Newarke Hosp. and College*, 86, 87.
[3] Draughton.
[4] The rector of East Farndon was mag. Thomas Falke, inst. 27 May, 1513 (Bridges II, 32).
[5] Earls Barton.
[6] The vicar was John Bennet, inst. 13 June, 1528, who quitted the benefice before 14 Feb., 1530–1 (Bridges II, 139).
[7] Distinguished from the hamlet of Little Oxendon in the adjoining parish of Little Bowden.
[8] Probably Rothwell.
[9] Ralph Smyth, inst. to Hannington 11 Feb., 1509–10 (Bridges II, 98).
[10] Wilby. The rector was John Threlkeld, inst. 27 Feb., 1521–2. His successor was inst. 3 Dec., 1534 (Bridges II, 155).
[11] Unfinished. Thomas Saunders, prior of Chacombe, was inst. to Ecton with papal dispensation 20 Feb., 1503–4. His successor was inst. 30 March, 1535–6 (Bridges II, 143).
[12] Richard Grosse, inst. 11 March, 1512–13. His successor was inst. 20 Feb., 1533–4 (Bridges II, 34).
[13] Mears Ashby. [14] Pytchley.
[15] The rector of Sywell was Robert Marshall, inst. 22 Jan., 1512–13 (Bridges II, 148).

fo. 105.

ISHAM. Rector residet ibidem.[1]

DODINGTON.[2] Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio de Pratis iuxta Northamptoniam.

CLYPSTON. Jconomi dicunt omnia bene.

WALGRAVE. Ediles presentant omnia bene.

ORLYNGBERE. Dominus Thomas Walys rector residet ibidem.[3]

HAROWDON MAGNA. Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio de Sulby.

SCALDEWELL. Rector residet ibidem.[4]

LAMPORTE. Magister Ricardus Dylke rector residet in alio beneficio.[5]

WOLD.[6] Omnia bene set rector est studens.[7]

BRYKLESWORTH.[8] Mariana Stoneley . . . . viuit suspiciose habendo suspectas personas in domo sua.

fo. 105*d*.

Haddon[9]

STANFORD.[10] Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio de Selby.[11]

BUKBY LONGA. Ecclesia vacat[12] . Cetera bene.

BRAMPTON. Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

BUKETON.[13] Omnia bene.

HEYFORD. Nulla ibidem impunita.

[1] There were two moieties of Isham, Lower and Upper. The rector of the first in 1530 was probably Ralph Lynaker, who quitted it by 13 Dec., 1541; of the second William Anderton, inst. 20 Sept., 1502 (Bridges II, 109).

[2] Great Doddington.

[3] Thomas Wales, inst. 11 Aug., 1506. His successor was inst. 23 Jan., 1532–3 (Bridges II, 119).

[4] The rector of Scaldwell in 1526 was William Howghton, in 1535 William Hochynson. The list in Bridges II, 127, gives no name between William Goodfelow, inst. 23 April 1488, and Hochynson, whose inst. is not recorded.

[5] Richard Dilke, inst. 2 May, 1506. His successor was inst. 15 Oct., 1539 (Bridges II, 113). Dilke was also rector of Sparham in Norfolk (see *V.E.* III, 360). He was inst. to Sparham in 1505 and vacated it in 1539 (Blomefield, *Hist. Norfolk* VIII, 260, who calls him Dykke).

[6] Old.

[7] The rector was mag. Edward Marten, A.M., inst. 12 Feb., 1529–30. His successor was inst. 11 May, 1545 (Bridges II, 132).

[8] Brixworth. The church was a prebend in Salisbury cathedral, appropriated to the chancellor of that church.

[9] 20 entries. Some 17 churches omitted.

[10] Stanford-on-Avon. [11] Selby in Yorkshire.

[12] The vacancy was caused by the death of mag. John Huys, inst. 21 Oct., 1517. Thomas Baughe was inst. 11 July, 1530 (Bridges II, 548).

[13] Boughton.

BROKEHOLE.[1] Omnia bene.

HERPOLL.[2] Rector non residet . Magister Vnderhill est rector ibidem.[3]

CREKE.[4] Omnia bene.

CLEYCOTON. Magister Palmer rector ibidem non residet.[5]

YELUERTOFT.[6] Fenestre cancelli sunt ruinose et fracte.

OUERSTON. Omnia bene vt asserunt gardiani.

WELFORD. Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio de Sulby.

ESTHADDON.[7] Omnia bene dicunt iconomi.

COLDE ASHBY. Omnia bene.

FLOWRE.[8] Omnia bene.

WESTON.[9] Nulla ibidem impunita.

MULTON.[10] Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio sancti Andree North[amptonie].

fo. 106.

HOLDENBY.[11] Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

BYLLYNG.[12] Omnia bene.

NAVYSBY.[13] Nulla ibidem dicunt corrigenda.

fo. 106*d*.

Daventre decanatus[14]

DAVENTRE.[15] Mergeria Bone vidua notatur de incontinencia[16] Comparuit et propter magnam diffamacionem laborantem contra eandem dominus iniunxit eidem vt exeat infra quatuor dies iam proxime sequentes ab eadem

[1] Brockhall. [2] Harpole.

[3] Mag. John Underhill, inst. 4 Aug., 1529. Probably the John Underhill of Hennessy *e* 74. His successor was inst. 9 Aug., 1531 (Bridges I, 518).

[4] Crick.

[5] Mag. John Palmer, inst. 15 March, 1527–8. His successor was inst. 31 Aug., 1531 (Bridges I, 549.)

[6] *Nota* mark in margin. *Ca* cancelled at beginning of entry. The rector was mag. John Hardinge, inst. 2 April, 1511. Next institution 20 Feb., 1541–2 (Bridges I, 609).

[7] East Haddon. [8] Flore. [9] Weston Favell. [10] Moulton.

[11] Hohnby. [12] Either Great or Little Billing. [13] Naseby.

[14] Only one entry from this deanery of 20 churches, which also included the prebendal church of Kilsby, appropriated to the precentor of Lincoln.

[15] Hand in margin.

[16] *et* cancelled.

villa de Daventre et non pernoctet infra *duo*[1] miliaria eiusdem ville de Daventre neque moram faciet vt premittitur sub pena excommunicacionis , et dominus iniunxit officiali vt pronunciet eandem si aliter vt iniunctum est . . . . . .[2]

Eadem die dominus iniunxit domino Willelmo Molt capellano[3] quod non admittet ad consortium suum aliquo modo Elisabeth Skypton vxorem Willelmi Skypton sub pena excommunicacionis.

fo. 107.

Weldon[4]

WYKLEY.[5] Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio sancti Jacobi iuxta Northamptoniam.

CORBY WODLAND.[6] Dominus Ricardus Crosiar Rector non residet · Cancellus est ruinosus.

ASHELEY. Rector residet ibidem et omnia bene gubernantur.[7]

ROKYNGHAM. Omnia bene.

BRAMPTON.[8] Dominus Johannes Devias rector residet ibidem.

BRIGSTOKE. Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio de Cicestria.[9]

HARYNGWORTH. Ecclesia appropriatur Abbatisse et conuentui de Elnestow.

COTTYNGHAM. Dominus Johannes Blamyer rector est in seruicio domini C[onyng]sby vnius justiciariorum domini regis.[10]

[11] Ecclesia est ruinosa : habent ad reparandum citra festum sancti Michaelis proximum.

WYLBERSTON. Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio de Elnestowe.

GEDYNGTON. Omnia bene.

[1] Interlined above *quatuor* cancelled.

[2] *faciat excommunicatam* is needed: *quam* omitted between *aliter* and *vt*.

[3] William Mote is named as parochial curate at Daventry in 1526.

[4] 16 entries, two parochial chapels. Churches omitted: Bulwick, Deene, Dingley, Laxton, Oakley Parva, Stoke Albany, Wakerley, Weldon. The prebendal church of Gretton was locally in this deanery.

[5] Weekley.

[6] *Nota* mark in margin. Richard Crosier was inst. to Corby 18 Aug., 1530. Next inst. 15 Feb., 1541–2 (Bridges II, 297).

[7] The rector was Richard Garstang, inst. 13 June 1522. Next institution 30 May, 1539 (Bridges II, 274).

[8] Brampton by Dingley, usually known as Brampton Ash. John Devyas was inst. 11 Oct., 1509. Next inst. 21 Nov., 1546 (Bridges II, 283).

[9] Cirencester abbey in Gloucestershire.

[10] John Blayner, inst. 15 March, 1521–2. His successor, 5 March, 1531–2, was Anthony Draycott, LL.D., for whom see p. 17 above, note 4 (Bridges II, 299). For Conyngsby, whose name can be supplied here with certainty, *see* Foss, *Judges of England*, p. 184.

[11] *Nota* in margin.

STANYERN.[1] Cancellus est ruinosus . Agnes Hertewell notatur de fornicacione cum Johanne . . . . . generoso . Vxor Willelmi Owyns absentat se a marito suo et trahit moram cum dicta Agnete.

BLATHERWIKE.[2] Rector residet ibidem.

fo. 107*d*.

NEWTON. Omnia bene.

OKELEY MAGNA. Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

CARLETON.[3] Rector residet ibidem videlicet dominus Willelmus Ruskyn.

WESTON ET SUTTON.[4] Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio de Landa / Cancellus est ruinosus . Quidam Willelmus Sneth habet vxorem manentem prope Derbiam et nunc contraxit matrimonium cum Agnete Smyth de Sutton.

fo. 108.

Higham decanatus[5]

WODFORD.[6] Gardiani dicunt omnia bene.

STANEWYKE.[7] Omnia bene.

DENSFORD.[8] Omnia ibidem bene gubernantur.

RYNGSTED. Omnia bene vt asserunt gardiani.

THYNGDEN.[9] Ecclesia appropriatur monasterio de Croxton.[10]

CHARGRAVE.[11] Gardiani dicunt omnia ibidem sunt punita per commissarium.

BARTUM.[12] Nichil dignum est reformandum ibidem.

GRAFTON.[13] Omnia ibidem gubernantur bene vt asserunt parochiani.

RUSHDEN. Omnia ibidem bene.

[1] Stanion, chapel to Brigstock. The abbot and convent of Cirencester were presumably responsible for the chancel of this chapel, an interesting building planned like an ordinary parish church.

[2] Blatherwick Holy Trinity, to which the church of St. Mary Magdalene was united in 1472. The rector was Robert Leam, inst. 1 Feb., 1506–7. Next institution 15 May, 1547 (Bridges II, 279.).

[3] East Carlton. The rector, called William Ruthyn ap. Bridges II, 293, was inst. 27 June, 1502. His successor was inst. 29 Apr., 1531.

[4] Weston-by-Welland with the chapel of Sutton Bassett. *Nota* in margin, repeated opposite second paragraph.

[5] 12 entries. [6] Woodford. [7] Stanwick.
[8] Denford. [9] Finedon.
[10] The Premonstratensian abbey of Croxton in Leicestershire.
[11] *Sic:* for Hargrave. [12] Barton Seagrave. [13] Grafton Underwood.

ARCHESTER.[1] Ecclesia appropriatur decano et collegio Noui Operis Lecestrie[2] . Cancellus est ruinosus Sedilia in choro sunt ruinosa.

RAWNDES. Omnia ibidem bene gubernantur.

KETTERYNG.[3] Edmundus Swifte non interest diuinis officijs horis consuetis : quandoque non confitetur ante dominicam Ramispalmarum.[4]

ff. 108*d*, 109, 109*d*. Blank.

fo. 127.

VISITACIO ECCLESIARUM PAROCHIALIUM ARCHIDIACONATUS OXONIENSIS } **ANNO 1530**

fo. 127*d*. Blank.

fo. 128.

VISITACIO FACTA PER MAGISTRUM DOCTOREM RAYNE SEQUITUR

Decanatus de Bur[ce]tour[5]

LYLLYNGSTONE LOVELL. Magister Thomas Jakman rector[6] . Resignauit nuper istud beneficium.
Dominus Johannes Bothe curatus.

Iconomi[7] Robertus Boteler
Willelmus Dawes } Chorus est ruinosus et rectoria enormiter dilapidata et quasi ad terram collapsa / quidam confabulantur in ecclesia et impediunt diuina officia / Willelmus Jacson, Johannes Marlowe et Alexander . . . . retinent bona ecclesie que tradere recusant.

[1] Irchester. Two *nota* marks in margin.
[2] See Thompson, *Hist. Newarke Hosp. and Coll.*, u.s., pp. 13, 21, 22. The churches of Higham Ferrers and Raunds in this deanery were similarly appropriated.
[3] Hand in margin.
[4] I.e. before Holy Week and in preparation for the Easter communion, normally the one communion made by parishioners in the course of the year and obligatory upon all.
[5] 33 entries, one parochial chapel. Churches omitted: Ambrosden, Merton, Tusmore.
[6] Also at this time rector of Aston Clinton and vicar of Bierton, Bucks ; *see* p. 9 above. His tenure of Lillingstone Lovell was short. The rector in 1526 was mag. Laurence Dodson, in 1535 John Palmer.
[7] *Nota* mark in margin.

FRYGHTWELL.[1] Decanus et canonici ecclesie Cardinalitij[2] Oxon . proprietarij.

Dominus Robertus Avelde vicarius / est ab hac luce ex . . . .[3]

Iconomi Nicholaus Leecroft, Willelmus Roddams } Cancellus est ruinosus culpa decani collegij [Cardinalitii]

MYXBURY. Dominus Radulphus Ponsbury rector.[4]
Dominus Ricardus Halley[5] curatus.

Iconomi Thomas Bodyngton, Johannes Ive } Omnia bene.

FYNNER.[6] Dominus Ricardus Elyott' rector.
Iconomi Thomas Brystowe, Johannes Parson } Omnia bene.

HETHE. Dominus Cristophorus Anyon rector.[7]
Dominus . . . . . .
Iconomi Ricardus Caudery, Willelmus Baker } Omnia bene.

FRYNGFORD. Dominus Ricardus Verner rector.[8]
Dominus Ricardus Lye curatus.
Iconomi Johannes Reue, ... Coplond } Omnia bene.

BURCETOUR.[9] Prior et conuentus ibidem proprietarij.
Dominus Petrus Gryffithe vicarius.
Dominus Ricardus . . . . . curatus.[10]

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Iconomi[11] Johannes Bowghton, Robertus Wiggen } Darlyng et vxor eius recipiunt suspectas personas in domum suam et suspicatur quod illa suspiciose et incontinenter viuit et seruientes ville habent accessum ad predictam mulierem / Alicia Large est suspecta quod incontinenter viuit cum quodam sacerdote cuius nomen ignoratur qui

[1] Fritwell. [2] *Sic.* Cardinal College, afterwards Christ Church.
[3] His successor in 1535 was Nicholas Tarleton.
[4] Pontisbury 1526, Sponysbury 1535.
[5] Hawley 1526. [6] Finmere. [7] John Bradshawe 1526.
[8] Called Vernham 1535. Mag. Edmund Gifford rector in 1526.
[9] Bicester. [10] Probably Richard Sherbrook, curate in 1526.
[11] *Nota* in margin.

Iconomi[5] Johannes Bowghton
Robertus Wiggen

habet accessum suspectum ad eandem / Johanna vxor Hugonis Carpenter tenet tabernam tempore diuinorum et id maxime in matutinis et non venit ad diuina officia sed vendit . . . . .[1] tempore matutinorum[2] et non [post] matutinas /[3] impringnatur nescitur per quem : manet in quodam tenemento Nicholai Whyght / Nonnulli confabulantur in ecclesia / Dominus Rayne precepit parrocho quatinus in die dominica proxima moniaret[4] parochianos imposterum desistere a tali confabulacione sub pena excommunicacionis . Postea vero dominus monuit prefatam Aliciam Large et eidem iniunxit quod decetero non vtatur consorcio dicti sacerdotis nec permittere[6] eum intrare domum suam sed eum veluti stopatum fugere sub pena juris / Deinde comparuit coram eodem domino Katherina Frankeleyn vidua impregnata per quemdam Robertum Bland vt asseritur et hoc illud[7] fatebatur ; cui judex precepit quod non recederet ab hac parochia donec pepererit et quod post partum duobus diebus dominicis peragat[8] ante processionem nudis pedibus cum cereo in manu more penitentis . Postremo comparuit Robertus Bland et fatebatur se carnaliter cognouisse antedictam Katherinam ; quam ob rem judex iniunxit ei quod in die dominico proximo antecederet crucifixum parrochie sue tempore processionis aperto capite et nudis pedibus cum candela in manu sua.

[1] Probably *cervisiam*. [2] *Sic*. [3] Name left blank. [4] *Sic* : for *moneret*.
[5] *Nota* in margin. [6] *Sic* : for *permitteret*. [7] *Sic* : for *illa*. [8] *penitenciam* omitted.

CHARLETON SUPER OTTMORE. Magister Edmundus[1] Hilton rector.
Dominus Henricus Fellowis curatus.
Iconomi Petrus Kyrby, Nicholaus Harbert } Omnia bene.

CHESTERTON. Rector et boni homines de Aschrudg[2] proprietarij.
Dominus Ricardus Knyton[3] vicarius.
Iconomi Thomas Alen, Thomas Hykes } Omnia bene.

MYDDELTON.[4] Dominus Willelmus Poinesett[5] rector.
Dominus Johannes Fawkenor curatus.[6]
Iconomi Ricardus Haddon, Thomas Rardeford } Omnia bene.

NETHER HEYFORD. Magister Willelmus May rector.[7]
Dominus Nicholaus Pye curatus.[8]
Iconomi[9] Henricus Menys, Ricardus Corbet } Robertus Gylham tenetur reparare murum cimiterij dilapidatum et hoc non facit . Manentes in rectoria ventulant grana in cimiterio ecclesie . Rector tenetur inuenire et sustentare lampadem in ecclesia et habet terras pro sustentacione eiusdem et hoc non facit.

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SOMERTON. Dominus Robertus Nelson rector.
Iconomi Thomas Asoune, Thomas Roude } Omnia bene

SOLDERON.[10] Magister Edmundus Gledell[11] rector.
Iconomi Ricardus Paviar, Johannes Kynge } Omnia bene.

ARDELEY. Magister Edmundus Haydon[12] rector.
Dominus Thomas Banester curatus.
Iconomi Ricardus Addams, Hugo Kynge } Omnia bene.

[1] Called *Edwardus* in 1526, which seems to be right, if he was identical with the rector of Bletchingdon, below.
[2] Ashridge. For the Bonhommes see I, lxxii, lxxiii.
[3] Knyghtone in 1526. William Ellys was vicar in 1535.
[4] Middleton Stoney.
[5] Pownsett 1526. Leonard Ardern was rector in 1535.
[6] Curate in 1526.
[7] Richard Holmes, rector in 1526. In 1535 May is called Man.
[8] Curate in 1526. [9] *Nota* mark in margin. [10] Souldern.
[11] Gledhill 1526, Gledell 1535. [12] Haynes 1526.

STOKELYNDE. Abbas et conuentus de Nottley proprietarij.
Dominus Anthonius Shyrwyn curatus.[1]
Edwardus Lacie firmarius.
Iconomi[2] Johannes Johnson
Robertus Philipot
Cancellus ecclesie dilapidatur tempore . . . . . in cooperamento videlicet in the syllyng . . . . . .

COTTYSFORD. Dominus Jacobus Arden rector.
Iconomus absens Magister Arden.

BUCKENELL. Magister Willelmus Edwardes rector.[3]
Dominus Thomas Credocke curatus.
Iconomi Robertus Hygkes
Robertus Baylie
Omnia bene.

ODYNGTON. Magister Johannes Leciter rector.[4]
Iconomi[5] Johannes Andrew
Ricardus Burye
Omnia bene preterquam quod murus cimiterij[6] . . . . . Willelmi Gardener et Ricardi . . . . . celebrare ibidem sacramenta sepius in . . . . . lus quo. vocato dominus precepit . . . . . faciat.

[NOKE.] Magister Johannes Lecitor rector.
Dominus Patricius Quyne curatus.
Iconomi[7] Johannes Harry
Johannes Echart
Inhabitatores tenentur contribuere . . . . . ecclesie . . . sunt nonnulli tamen eorum qui hoc non . . . . . .

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YSTLYPP.[8] Magister Robertus Cartar rector.
Dominus Willelmus Garard curatus.[9]
Iconomi Johannes Harnes
Thomas Carleton
Omnia bene.

[1] As in other churches appropriated to Nutley, no vicarage seems to have been ordained in Stoke Lyne. The curate in 1526 was Thomas Syngletone.
[2] *Nota* mark in margin.
[3] Mag. John Stanley was rector in 1526.
[4] In 1535 Robert Sacheverell had succeeded Leciter (Leicester), who continued to be rector of Noke.
[5] *Nota* in margin.
[6] Supply *est in decasu ex defectu*. The names seem to be those of previous churchwardens.
[7] *Nota* mark in margin. [8] Islip.
[9] Probably William 'Jerakk'', curate in 1526.

WESTON.[1] Abbas et conuentus de Osney proprietarij.
Magister Ranaldus Sclattar curatus.
Iconomi Robertus Webb, Stephanus Hewes } Omnia bene.

KYRTELYNGTON. Prior et conuentus de Charterhowse iuxta Couentriam proprietarij.
Dominus Thomas Wilkynson vicarius.
Iconomi[2] Willelmus Barres, Thomas Kyg . . . } Johannes Mawnde non inuenit lampadem in cancello sicut tenetur iuxta testamentum cuiusdam Pouelle et iuxta consuetudinem ipsius ecclesie et . . . . Johannes[3] et quidam . . . . . non soluunt debitum consuetum . . . . . parrochiali iuxta consuetudinem ibidem vsitatam et predictus Johannes non reparat partem suam de muro cimiterij et ideo animalia sua fecerunt magnum dampnum in cimiterio.

WENDULBURY. Magister Griffinus Dauid Dew[4] rector non residet super.[5]
Iconomi[6] Ricardus Dauy, Johannes Dauye } Muris[7] cimiterij ecclesie . . . . . et dilapidantur culpa et necligencia parrochianorum ibidem . Acceptauerunt in se onus [emen]dandi et construendi citra festum Omnium Sanctorum sub pena vjs. viijd. Cancellus ecclesie eget reparacione : dicunt tamen rectorem habere operarios circa emendacionem eiusdem in presenti.

BLECHYNGDON. Magister Edwardus Hilton rector.[8]
Iconomi absens . Ricardus Syluersed, absens . Ricardus Harrys }

HAMPTON POLE.[9] Dominus Johannes Mason[10] rector.
Iconomi Johannes Testlar, Walterus Whytyng } Quedam mulier manens cum vxore Berde impregnatur ut asseritur per quem nescitur et est quasi stulta.

[1] Weston-on-the-Green. No vicarage. [2] *Nota* mark in margin. [3] Sc. Mawnde.
[4] Called Griffith Davy Dye in 1526, Griffith David Bye in 1536. Dew seems a reduplication of Davy (Welsh Dewi): possibly this Welshman may have been known by both names to distinguish him from his churchwardens.
[5] *Sic.* [6] *Nota* mark in margin. [7] *Sic.*
[8] See Charlton-on-Otmoor, p. 35 above, note 1.
[9] Hampton Poyle. [10] Called Nason in 1535.

HEYFORD WARREN. Magister Thomas Millyng rector.
Dominus Robertus[1] curatus.
Iconomi Thomas Tanner, Thomas Norcott } Omnia bene.

GODYNGTON. Dominus Robertus Watson rector.[2]
Iconomi Willelmus Alen, Johannes Lambe } Omnia bene.

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SHELESWELL. Dominus Petrus Vpton rector non residet.[3]
Dominus Johannes Dagwell curatus.
Iconomus absens . Magister Duke.

HARDEWYKE. Dominus Thomas Whyght rector.[4]
Iconomus absens . Willelmus Baker.

NEWTON PURCELL.[5] Dominus Johannes Dagwell rector habet seruicium in alia parrochia vbi moratur et habet sacerdotem in cura sua qui deseruit ibidem in diebus festiuis et non aliter.
Iconomus Ricardus Duke / fenestra chori est ruinosa et pa . . . . .[6] deficiunt in vitrio.

HAMPTON GAY. Abbas et conuentus de Osneye proprietarij.
Dominus Robertus[7] curatus.
Iconomi Thomas Flecher, Johannes Kemester } Omnia bene.

STRATTON AUDELEY. Capella dependens a Burcetur.
Dominus Willelmus Caryngton curatus.
Iconomi[8] Stephanus Stogood, Robertus Kynge } Sunt quidam defectus in reparacione . . . . . vxor Johannis Broke est suspecta . . . . . Mathew est communis diffama[trix] . . . . . suorum / habent curatum qui nescit cantare . . . . . habere missam nota[9] celebratam.

LAVENTON.[10] Dominus Johannes Drummyng rector.

[1] Surname wanting. [2] John Kyng was rector in 1535.
[3] Called John Upton 1526. In 1535 he had been succeeded by John Dagyll (Dagwell), previously curate. See Newton Purcell below.
[4] The rector is called Wrighte in 1526. John Owerden was rector in 1535.
[5] Hand in margin. William Lacy was rector in 1526. It seems that Dagwell on his accession to the rectory of Shelswell resigned Newton Purcell, of which William Marche was rector in 1535. At a later date the two benefices were united and the church of Shelswell destroyed.
[6] Probably *parietes*, i.e. the glazing of the side walls is defective.
[7] Surname blank as in 1526. [8] *Nota* mark in margin.
[9] I.e. *missam cum nota*, sung mass. [10] Launton.

Dominus Matheus Schaw curatus.
Thomas Cottysford firmarius.
Iconomi Ricardus Freman } Omnia bene.
Willelmus Padbury }

VISITACIO FACTA PER MAGISTRUM DOCTOREM MORGAN SEQUITUR

Decanatus de Dadyngton[1]

SWALCLYFF. Custos et socij collegij Noui Oxon . proprietarij.
Dominus Robertus[2] Clemens vicarius.
Iconomi Johannes Bagatt } Omnia bene.
Willelmus Thomlyn }

TADMERTON. Magister doctor Incent rector non residet.[3]
Dominus Thomas Morreye curatus.[4]
Johannes Wynter firmarius.
Iconomi Ricardus Herue } Omnia bene tamen Thomas Tailour debet ecclesie . . . . .
. . . . . }

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DREYTON. Dominus Edmundus Moore rector . Residet in altero beneficio.[5]
Dominus . . . . . dus Richardson curatus.
Thomas Chyrche firmarius.
Iconomi Thomas Styrche } Omnia bene.
Willelmus Colls }

BROGHTON. Magister Georgius Croftes rector non residet.[6]
Dominus Ricardus Crowleye curatus.[7]
Iconomi Ricardus Alen } Omnia bene.
Thomas Symons }

ADDERBURY. Custos et socij collegij Noui Oxon . proprietarij.
Magister doctor London vicarius.[8]

[1] 23 entries, 6 parochial chapels. The prebendal churches of Banbury and Cropredy were locally in this deanery, as well as the chapels of Horley and Hornton, members of the prebend of Kings Sutton with Buckingham.

[2] Called Ricardus in 1526 and 1535.

[3] John Incent, D.C.L., of All Souls' college, Oxford, was prebendary of Wildland in St. Paul's 1519. He became dean of St. Paul's in June, 1540, and died before 12 Sept., 1545. See Hennessy *a* 162, where his foundation of a free school at Berkhampstead, his native place, is noted. He became master of St. Cross hospital at Winchester in 1547. He was also rector of Chinnor (see p. 61 below).

[4] Curate in 1526.

[5] Edmund More was rector of Halford, Warwick., in 1535 (*V. E.* III, 96). The date of his instn. is not recorded, but he died before 21 July, 1546 (Dugdale, *Ant. Warw.*, ed. Thomas, I, 618).

[6] The church had been vacant in 1526 by the recent death of Dr. Pert. Croftes is called Croft in 1535.

[7] Curate in 1526.

[8] John London, LL.D., warden of New college 1526–1542, and at this time prebendary of Spaldwick in Lincoln and Bilton in York.

Dominus Thomas Ridsworthe stipendarius.
Dominus Johannes Wollett curatus habet terminum ad exhibendum [litteras ordinum infra] mensem et est juratus de obediendo domino.

Iconomi[1] Johannes Baker
Robertus Tydmerse

Robertus Garret cubat in domo cuiusdam Johanne Symons et timetur quod viuunt in adulterinis amplexibus insimull , et idem Robertus habet vxorem superstitam[2] cum qua non erat per hos tres annos sed cum prefata vidua moram trahit / Johannes Schawe habet vxorem viuentem in Adderbury et contraxit matrimonium apud Aundersett[3] per verba de presenti et coram testibus[4] /

BLOXHAM. Abbatissa et conuentus de Godstowe proprietarij.
Magister Willelmus Hogson vicarius.[5]
Dominus Radulpus[6] Whyght stipendarius.

Iconomi Edwardus Barret
Johannes Cole

Edmundus Lowe est communis diffamator et debet ecclesie xiijs. iiijd.

TEW MAGNA. Abbatissa et conuentus de Godstowe proprietarij.
Dominus Edmundus[7] Gabett vicarius.
Dominus Johannes Dauy cantarista.

Iconomi[8] Thomas Derye
Ricardus Frankelyn

Ricardus Herlestone est communis diffamator nec vult soluere stipendium clerici . Cimiterium patitur ruinam in claustura[9] culpa abbatisse et magistri Harcott . Iconomi tenentur habere ad vsum ecclesie quartam partem magni campani pulsati tempore funerorum[10] et villa de Netherworthon qui sepeliunt in eorum ecclesia huiusmodi quartam partem soluere recusant.[11]

[1] *Nota* mark in margin. [2] *Sic*: for *superstitem*. [3] Avon Dassett, Warwicks.
[4] The *verba de presenti* are the engagement uttered before witnesses at espousals, expressing the present intention of the contracting parties to enter into marriage, and regarded as of binding force, though preliminary to the actual wedding. *Sponsalia*, says Lyndwood (tit. *de sponsal.*, c. and ad v. *Matrimonium*, ed. 1679, p. 271), are *repromissio futurarum nuptiarum*.
[5] Hodgeson in 1526, Hogeson 1535. [6] *Sic*.
[7] Edwardus in 1526. [8] *Nota* mark in margin. [9] *Sic*. [10] *Sic*.
[11] The sense of this somewhat confused passage is that, when inhabitants of Nether Worton were buried at Great Tew, a quarter of the fee to the sexton for tolling the church bell was exacted from the people of the chapelry.

MYLCOMBE. Capella annexa ad Bloxham.
Dominus Johannes Calewe curatus.[1]

Iconomi[2] Edwardus Strange
Humfridus Browne

Thomas Bard et Alicia Wells volunt solemnizare matrimonium inter eos contractum sed curatus negat edere banna. Vocato parrocho[3] dicit quod non edidit ex eo quod banna erant alias edita inter prefatam Aliciam et quemdam Robertum Alexander in presencia prefate mulieris dicendo eciam [dictum] Alexandrum habere vxorem viuentem apud Alcrington[4]. Inquiretur . . . . iacet . . . in domo Johannis Williams [apud] Oxoniam.

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SOWTHNEWTON.[5] Abbas et conuentus de of[6] Eynesham proprietarij.
Dominus Willelmus Lovent vicarius.[7]
Iconomi Roger Hadiman, Bernardus Thomson } Omnia bene.

WYGGYNGTON. Magister Willelmus Wye rector.
Dominus Ricardus Dobbys curatus.
Iconomi Ricardus Lambert, Thomas Inpace } Omnia bene.

BERFORD MICHAELIS.[8] Prior et conuentus de Chacombe proprietarij.
Dominus Johannes Maryman vicarius.[9]
Iconomi Robertus Ethersope, Willelmus Fortiman } Omnia bene.

WROXTON. Prior et conuentus ibidem proprietarij.[10]
Iconomi Henricus Kembell, Edwardus Smythe } Omnia bene.

DADYNGTON.[11] Decanus et capitulum de Wynsor proprietarij.
Dominus Thomas Hoggynson vicarius.[12]
Dominus Johannes Lambert stipendarius.
Dominus Thomas Knyght stipendarius.
Iconomi Thomas Pebworthe, Johannes Coke } Omnia bene.

[1] Called Calowe in 1526. [2] *Nota* mark in margin. [3] I.e. curato.
[4] Alkerton. [5] South Newington. [6] *Sic*.
[7] Called Lovett in 1526 and 1535. [8] Barford St. Michael.
[9] John Box had succeeded Maryman in 1535.
[10] No vicarage ordained. [11] Deddington.
[12] Hodgekynson in 1526 and 1535. Both stipendiaries are named in 1526 with a parochial curate, William Smethlye.

HANWELL. Dominus Johannes Crowes rector.[1]
Dominus Thomas Colyar curatus.
Iconomi Johannes Talerton, Edmundus Davye } Omnia bene.

ALKERTON. Dominus Willelmus Lound rector.[2]
Iconomi Henricus Gurman, Thomas Taylor } Omnia bene.

OVERWURTON. Magister Johannes Dolber rector.
[Iconomi] Willelmus Cockes, Thomas Kyrbye } Thomas Kyrbye non fecit compotum . . . . . et teneretur facere compotum in die sancti Mich[aelis] quem judex monuit reddere racionem de bo[nis] ecclesie ad manus suas prouenientibus citra festum Omnium Sanctorum sub pena juris quod facere promisit.

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BODY[COTE]. Capella annexa ad Adderbury.
Dominus Johannes Bradford curatus.[3]
Iconomi[4] Ma[rtin]us Wyes, Johannes Byrlyng } Ricardus Andrewes tenet in manibus suis debitum ecclesie ad valorem quatuor librarum et non vult satisfacere parrochianis de eadem.[5]

SCHITTFORD.[6] Capella annexa ad Swaclyf.
Dominus Willelmus Fyschar curatus.
Iconomi Ricardus Goodwyn, Ricardus Lether } Omnia bene.

BYSFORD.[7] Capella annexa ad Swaclyf.
Dominus Willelmus Fyschar curatus.
Iconomi[8] Willelmus Tomkyns, Johannes Potter } Johannes Lyman non visitat ecclesiam temporibus diuinorum in diebus festiuis , quippe in die Assumptionis[9] beate Marie vltima egit vehiculum et non audiuit rem sacram in sua parrochia.

[1] William Andrewes was rector in 1526: James Taillour in 1535.
[2] Lunde in 1526, Lounde in 1535. [3] Curate in 1526.
[4] *Nota* mark in margin. [5] *Sic*. [6] Shutford.
[7] *Sic*: Sibford Gower. [8] *Nota* mark in margin. [9] *Visitacionis* cancelled.

IPWELL.[1] Capella annexa ad Swaclyf.
Dominus Cornelius Coke curatus.[2]
Iconomi Thomas Jenkyns, Robertus Best } Omnia bene.

BERFORD.[3] Capella annexa ad ecclesiam de Adderbury.
Dominus Johannes Freind curatus.[4]
Iconomi Johannes Andrewes, Johannes Burton } Omnia bene.

NETHERWORTON. Capella annexa ad Tew Magna.
Dominus Willelmus Astyn curatus.
[Iconomi[5]] Thomas Huckyll, Johannes Rymell } Fenestre tam cancelli quam nauis ecclesie rumpuntur. Magister Bromycham et Thomas Huckyll tenentur sustentare lampadem coram crucifixo et hoc non faciunt pro cuius quidem sustentacione habent pratum Netherworton Ford[6] et dominus monuit iconomos quo ad fenestras emendare et reparare easdem citra festum Natiuitatis Domini./

[NET]HERWORTON. Capella annexa ad ecclesiam de Browghton.[7]

Decanatus de Chepyngnorton[8]

HOKENORTON. Abbas et conuentus de Osneye proprietarij.[9]
Johannes Crocker firmarius.
Iconomi Johannes Ward, Thomas Ingram } Omnia bene.

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ROLRYGHT MAGNA. Magister Willelmus Dyngley rector / residet
Dominus Johannes Hedson curatus.[10]
Magister Franciscus Grevel firmarius /
Iconomi Ricardus Fuller, Johannes Prowd } Omnia bene.

[1] Epwell.
[2] In 1526 Cornelius Cooke was curate of Sibford Gower. After the departure of Richard Thomson, curate of Shutford, for the rectory of Hawridge (in Buckinghamshire, confounded with Hogston in *Subsidy*, p. 271; but see *ibid*, p. 229, and cf. Lipscomb III, 374), the cures of Shutford and Sibford seem to have been deputed to the same chaplain.
[3] Barford St. John. [4] Curate in 1526 (Frynde).
[5] *Nota* mark in margin.
[6] Apparently the name of the meadow or the place where it lay.
[7] This entry appears to be an error.
[8] 24 entries, 5 parochial chapels. No parish church omitted.
[9] No vicarage ordained. [10] Called Hudson in 1526.

CRONEWELL.[1] Dominus Johannes Beryman rector.
Dominus Ricardus Wodward curatus.
Iconomus Johannes Holyfaxe / Omnia bene.

KENKHAM.[2] Magister doctor Wulman rector.[3]
Dominus Edmundus Garsett curatus.
Iconomi[4] Willelmus Smythe } Rectoria est enormiter dilapidata et quasi ad terram collapsa.
Humfridus Molder } Muros[5] cimiterij rumpuntur culpa Roberti Strole.

CHURCHILL. Decanus et capitulum collegij Cardinalitij Oxon . proprietarij.
Dominus Robertus Richard vicarius.[6]
Iconomi Willelmus Gowes
Willelmus Monchyn } Omnia bene.

SCHIPTON. Magister doctor Lupton rector.[7]
Magister Jacobus Blithe vicarius.[8]
Dominus Humfridus Holland curatus.
Thomas Whytyng firmarius.
Iconomi Johannes Coldyng
Ricardus Weuer } Omnia bene.

SCHARLEBURY.[9] Abbas et conuentus de Eynesham proprietarij.
Dominus Robertus Kyng abbas de Thame [vicarius].[10]
Dominus Thomas Lake curatus.[11]
Iconomi[12] Thomas Pratt
Thomas Lardenar } Johanna Pyman vtitur consorcio personarum suspectarum et easdem recipit in domo sua tam tempore nocturno quam mane et precipue . . . . . Johanne.

[1] Cornwell. [2] Kingham.
[3] Richard Woleman, prebendary of Holywell in St. Paul's, 1527, and Cropredy in Lincoln, archdeacon of Sudbury 1522, dean of Wells 1529, canon of Windsor 1532–3. He vacated all these benefices by death in 1537, but in 1535 had been succeeded at Kingham by Stephen Farram. He was also vicar of Saffron Walden and rector of High Ongar, Essex. See Hennessy, *c* 214.
[4] Two *nota* marks combined in margin. [5] *Sic:* for *muri*.
[6] Rythyne 1526, Ruthyn 1535, obviously the right name.
[7] Shipton-under-Wychwood was held by Dr. Lupton as a prebend in Salisbury cathedral from 26 Oct., 1506, to his death in 1540, in which he was succeeded by Dr. John London (Jones, *Fasti Ecc. Sar.*, p. 417, and see above, p. 40, note 1). Roger Lupton, LL.D., provost of Eton 1503–4–1534, was at this time also canon of Windsor and prebendary of Caistor in Lincoln.
[8] Blithe and Holland are both named in 1526. [9] Charlbury.
[10] Mag. Edward Derby was vicar in 1526. King, abbot of Thame and of Oseney, became first bishop of Oseney, and then of Oxford.
[11] Lake had been curate of Kingham in 1526.
[12] *Nota* mark in margin.

CHADLYNGTON. Capella annexa ad Charleburye.
Dominus Ricardus Meare[1] curatus.
Dominus Willelmus Pagett stipendarius.
Iconomi Thomas Bowghton, Thomas Haynes } Omnia bene.

SPELLYSBURY. Decanus et capitulum de Warwyk proprietarij.
Magister Robertus Charde vicarius.
Johannes Osblaston firmarius.

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ENSTONE. Abbas et conuentus de Wynchyncombe proprietarij.
Dominus Walterus Huchyns vicarius.[2]
Magister Rygesleye firmarius.
Iconomi Ricardus Fordye, Willelmus Busbye } Omnia bene.

CHEPYNGNORTON. Abbas et conuentus de Glocitur[3] proprietarij.
Magister Dauid Griffithe vicarius est in Parisia.
Dominus Henricus Dauy curatus.[4]
Dominus Johannes Grass cantarista.
Dominus Johannes Reynold stipendarius.
Dominus Johannes Smythe stipendarius.
Ricardus Tantye firmarius.
Iconomi[5] Johannes Kylmyngton, Robertus Catisbye } Predicti clerici non fuerunt in processione tempore rogacionis vltimo . et qualibet die . . . . . cantant in cancello non indutis superpellicijs.

SWARFORD.[6] Dominus Bartholomeus Tatton rector . / residet in altero beneficio.[7]
Dominus Bawdewinus Tatton curatus.
Magister Blunt firmarius.
Iconomi Willelmus Haynes, Ricardus Haynes } Tam cancellus quam rectoria enormiter dilapidantur.

TRETON.[8] Abbas et conuentus de Breworn[9] proprietarij.

CHASTELTON. Dominus Philippus Apprice rector.
Dominus Maricius Lewes curatus.[10]
Iconomi Thomas Mollyngton, Thomas Wylkes } Carent velamine altare[11] quam ob rem judex monuit eos quatinus emant citra festum Omnium Sanctorum

[1] Mere in 1526. [2] John Crewys was vicar in 1535. [3] Gloucester.
[4] Davy and the three other priests mentioned are named in 1526.
[5] Hand in margin. [6] Swerford.
[7] The rector is called Tatton in 1526, but the curate Cotone.
[8] A chapel, served in 1526 by a monk of Bruerne.
[9] Bruerne. [10] Curate in 1526. [11] *Sic* : for *altaris*.

ROLRYGHT PARUA. Dominus Johannes Raynold rector.[1]
Iconomus Johannes Ballard / Omnia bene.

SCHOTLENGTON.[2] Capella annexa ad Charlebury.
Dominus Thomas Lake stipendarius.[3]
Dominus Willelmus Poste stipendarius.
Iconomi[4] Willelmus Blunt, Robertus Coke — Willelmus Coke impregnauit priuignam suam Johannam Cottes que iam habitat in domo Richardi Chamberlen de [I]stlypp.[5]

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SALFORD. Dominus Ricardus Marice rector.[6]
Dominus Thomas Hargrave curatus.
[Iconomi][7] Thomas Haines, Edwardus Pare — Thomas Flecher de Ouernorton debet sustentare lampadem coram crucifixo de Chalford[8] et hoc non facit tam et si habet iugera terre pro sustentacione eiusdem.

SARESDON.[9] Magister Henricus Moxon rector.
[Iconomi] Thomas Marten, Thomas Andrewes — Ecclesia non est plene reparata : sunt tamen circa reparacionem eiusdem.

HEYTROPE. Magister Radulphus Kyghtley rector.[10]

SWYNBROKE. Magister doctor Lee rector.[11]
Dominus Willelmus Wrytar curatus.
Ricardus House firmarius.
Iconomi Thomas Harris, Willelmus Wynchester — Omnia bene.

ASCOTT.[12] Capella annexa ad Scipton.[13]
Dominus Thomas Burleye rector.[14]
Iconomi[15] Johannes Power, Johannes Chaluett — Fines ecclesie rumpuntur.

[1] Possibly the priest who also held a chaplaincy at Chipping Norton.
[2] *Sic*: for Shorthampton. [3] Also curate at Charlbury.
[4] *Nota* mark in margin.
[5] The word is uncertain: possibly *Schypp[ton]* is intended.
[6] Marr' in 1535. [7] *Nota* mark in margin. [8] *Sic*: for Salford.
[9] Sarsden. [10] Kytley in 1535.
[11] Edward Lee, prebendary of Welton Beckhall in Lincoln, archdeacon of Colchester 1523, chancellor of Salisbury 1528–9, prebendary of Dunnington in York 1529–30. archbishop of York 1531–1544. The church of Swinbrook with its chapels of Fyfield and Idbury was annexed to his dignity at Salisbury.
[12] Ascot-under-Wychwood. [13] Shipton.
[14] *Sic*: for *curatus*. [15] *Nota* mark in margin.

IDBURY. Capella annexa ad Swynbroke.
Dominus Edmundus Wyswale curatus.
Iconomi R. Daye, Johannes Symes } Omnia bene.

FYFELD. Capella annexa at[1] Swynbroke.
Dominus Willelmus Walter curatus.
Ricardus Hannes firmarius.
Iconomi[2] Johannes Smythe, Ricardus Smythe } Curatus est decrepitus et . . . . ministrand' multum debil . . . . . potu captus.

COLENORTON.[3] Magister et socij collegij de Brason nose Oxon . proprietarij.
Dominus Willelmus Cordewayner curatus.[4]

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Decanatus de Whittney[5]

BRADEWELL.[6] Domus sancti Johannis Baptiste Jherosolimitani London . proprietarij.
Dominus Johannes Mableye vicarius.
Dominus Ricardus Watson curatus.
Iconomi Radulphus Turnor, Thomas Forme } Cancellus patitur ruinam necligencia proprietarij in [cooper]imento videlicet in the syling super altari . Johan . . . . . impregnauit Elizabethe manentem in . . . . . Quidam Ricardus Keymes vendit seru[iciam] in domo vicarie de Bradwell . Mures[7] cimiterij patitur patitur[8] ruinam culpa Henrici Ham . [Rectore] vocato dominus precepit ei quatinus[9] mandaret vendentem seruiciam predictum decistere ab vlteriori vendicione, [aliter] dimitteret eum ab huiusmodi domo sub pena juris.

KENCOT. Magister Hugo Thomas rector.
Iconomi . absens . Johannes Edmundus[10], absens . Ricardus Rogers }

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Nota* mark in margin. [3] Cold Norton. [4] Cordewyn' 1526.
[5] 23 entries, 5 parochial chapels. Church omitted: Northmoor. The prebendal church of Langford was locally in this deanery.
[6] Broadwell. [7] *Sic*: for *murus*. [8] *Sic.*
[9] *iniung* cancelled. [10] *R* cancelled.

BURFORD. Abbas et conuentus de Kensham[1] proprietarij.
Magister Thomas Cade vicarius.
Dominus Nicholaus Swynerton curatus.[2]
Dominus Maricius Patenson prior hospitalis.[3]
Dominus Thomas Taylor.
Dominus Robertus Cherelby stipendarius.
Iconomi Willelmus[4] Hogdes
Thomas Clerke
Jacobus Bothe[5]
Johannes Heythrope } Omnia bene.

TEYNETON.[6] Abbas et conuentus de Tewkisbury proprietarij.
Dominus Edwardus Ball vicarius.[7]
Ricardus Busse firmarius.
Iconomi absens . Lawrencius Pomerton
absens . Robertus Baker }

WESTWELL. Dominus Edwardus Wetton rector[8] residet in altero beneficio.
Dominus Ricardus Johnson curatus.
Iconomi Robertus Mynkechyn
Robertus Lokyns } Omnia bene.

ASTEHALL. Prepositus et socij collegij Eton proprietarij.
Dominus Johannes Lucas vicarius.[9]
Iconomi Henricus Cotterell
Ricardus Smythe } Omnia bene.

MYNSTERLOVELL. Prepositus et socij collegij Eton proprietarij.
Dominus Thomas Robynson vicarius.[10]
Iconomi Robertus Cokerell
Nicholaus Hyott } Omnia bene.

WYTTENEYE. Magister doctor Higden rector.[11]
Magister doctor Roper vicarius.[12]
Magister Willelmus Alen cantarista.[13]
Dominus Willelmus Dalton curatus.
Dominus Johannes Richarde.
Dominus Johannes Stagge.

[1] Keynsham in Somerset. [2] Also in 1526.
[3] Prior of Burford hospital in 1526. [4] *g* cancelled.
[5] A final letter cancelled. [6] Taynton.
[7] Bale 1535. John Grenehill was vicar in 1526. [8] Wotton 1535.
[9] Thomas Warner was vicar in 1526. [10] Robertson 1526.
[11] Dr. [Richard] Sidnour was rector in 1526; Edward Steward, LL.D. in 1535. John Higdon, president of Magdalen college, Oxford, 1516–1525, was at this time dean of Cardinal college, prebendary of Milton Manor in Lincoln and Wetwang in York. He died 13 Jan. 1530–1.
[12] John Roper, S.T.B., rector of St. Mary's, Oxford, 1498–1534, fellow of Magdalen, Lady Margaret professor at Oxford 1502. He died in May, 1534. Ellis Wareham was vicar of Witney in 1535.
[13] Alen, Dalton and Richarde are all named in 1526.

Iconomi[1] Willelmus Buschope
Henricus Yate } Robertus Smythe et Johannes Newman habuerunt pecuniam ex seruicia ecclesie[2] acquisitam quam nolunt soluere ecclesie et hoc facere expresse recusauerunt.

DUCLYNGTON. Magister Johannes Johnson rector.[3]

Dominus Rogerus Cleminson curatus.

Iconomi[4] Ricardus Harres
Johannes Cartar } Johannes Trendall debet ecclesie duos modios frumenti et duos ordij.

MOORE. Magister Johannes Hale rector.[5]

Dominus Willelmus[6] curatus.

Iconomi[7] Rober Style
Ricar Ferebred } Non habent curatum idoneum ibidem presentem quippe est hibernicus et non possunt intelligere eum ..... quod periculosum est.

STANDELAKE. Magister Gilbertus Bekenschawe rector.[8]

Magister Jacobus Wylson cantarista.[9]

Dominus Thomas Tarbocke.[10]

Iconomi Johannes Yate
Johannes Temple } Omnia bene.

BAMPTON. Decanus et capitulum ecclesie Cathedralis Exon . proprietarij.

Magister Thomas Byrton vicarius primus.[11]

Magister Robertus Alyngton vicarius ij.

Magister Johannes Dyer vicarius iij.[12]

Dominus Johannes Loskeye curatus.[13]

[Dominus Ricardu]s Huffeld curatus.[14]

[1] *Nota* mark in margin. [2] The church ale.

[3] In 1535 William Leson, LL.D., was rector. [4] *Nota* mark in margin.

[5] Robert Welshe was rector in 1526, Wolward (no Christian name given) in 1535.

[6] Surname blank. [7] *Nota* mark in margin.

[8] Called Bekynsale in 1535. For him and his benefices see Thompson, *Hist. Newarke Hosp. & Coll.*, 237.

[9] Named (Dom. J. W.) in 1526.

[10] Thomas Turboke was a chaplain at Standlake in 1526.

[11] Richard Crispyn in 1526.

[12] Called Robert Dyar in 1535. John Lichefelde was third vicar in 1526.

[13] Called Loskyns in 1526.

[14] Probably the Richard whose surname was left blank in 1526. He appears as Hughole below : the surname was probably Houghall.

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Iconomi . . . . . .
Ricardus Yonge
Johannes Wayett

Debuerunt habere missam qualibet die cantatam et sacerdotes ibidem hoc non faciunt . famula[1] Johannis Taylor moriebatur sine sacramentis ecclesie culpa domini Ricardi Hughole . Postea vocato parrocho judex monuit eum videlicet Johannem Losceye quatinus imposterum vacat[2] diuinis et diligenter ibidem[3] ministrat[4] secundum consuetudinem loci.

BURTON.[5] Abbas et conuentus de Osney proprietarij.
Dominus Rogerus Malkyn curatus.

Iconomi[6] Johannes . . . . . .
. . . . . .

Domus vicarie enormiter dilapidatur et non habent curatum canonicum sed qualibet septimana nouum.

Willelmus D . . . nge . . . . . .[7] denarios sancti Petri.

SCHILTON. Abbas et conuentus de Bewley[8] proprietarij.
Dominus Edmundus Masheroder vicarius.
Willelmus Gadbury firmarius.
Iconomi Robertus Dauy
Robertus Plant } Omnia bene.

NORTON BRUNE.[9] Abbas et conuentus de Eynesham proprietarij.
Dominus Johannes Symos[10] vicarius.
Iconomi Thomas Tackeleye
Willelmus Gardyner } Omnia bene.

CLAMEFELD.[11] Abbatissa et conuentus de Elnestowe proprietarij.
Magister Hugo Thomas vicarius.[12]
Dominus Thomas Aspeden curatus.

[1] Name blank. [2] *Sic :* for *vacet.*
[3] *c* cancelled. [4] *Sic :* for *ministret.*
[5] Black Bourton. [6] *Nota* mark in margin.
[7] Probably *recusat solvere ecclesie.* [8] Beaulieu in Hampshire.
[9] Brize Norton. [10] *Sic :* for *Symonds.* [11] Clanfield.
[12] No vicar named in 1526.

Iconomi[1] Johannes Curfreye
Johannes Arnold

Abbatissa predicta tenetur invenire panem et vinum ad celebrandum rem sacram : hoc facere tamen recusat pretextu cuius parrochiani vexantur pluribus expensis . Henricus Yateman tenetur sustentare lampadem pro cuius sustentacione habet iugerum terre . Alicia Kyng erat impregnata in domo istius Johannis Curfreye vltimo anno . . . .[2] nescitur.

BROWGTON POUGES.[3] Magister Robertus Williamson rector.

Iconomi[4] Johannes Baker
Thomas Dale

Fines cimiterij rumpuntur : acceperunt terminum ad reficiendum citra festum Omnium Sanctorum.

ALSCOTE.[5] Dominus Willelmus Webster rector non residet et rectoria grauem patitur ruinam.
Dominus Georgius Addneye curatus.

Iconomi Ricardus Carpenter
Willelmus

Cancellus est grauiter dilapidatus et curatus non est continue in par[rochia] . . . . . .[6] in alia parrochia . . . . . Vocato parrocho judex . . . . . [7] infra quindenam ad . . . . . et continue residendum . . . . . sub pena excommunicacionis.

fo. 135.

ELFORD.[8] Dominus Johannes Latheme rector.[9]

COCKTHORPE. Capella annexa ad Duclyngton.

Iconomi Robertus . . . . . .
Johannes . . . . . .

Omnia bene.

FULBROKE. Capella annexa ad Burford.
Dominus Robertus Wattes curatus.
Iconomus Ricardus Grynder . Omnia bene.

[1] *Nota* mark in margin.
[2] Supply *per quem*.
[3] Broughton Poggs.
[4] *Nota* mark in margin.
[5] Alvescot. *Nota* mark in margin.
[6] Supply *sed deservit cure*.
[7] Supply *monuit eum*.
[8] Yelford.
[9] William Wynter was rector in 1526. Latham is named in 1535.

KELMESCOTE. Capella annexa ad Alscote.
Dominus Rogerus Turnor curatus.[1]
Iconomi Johannes . . . rychen } Omnia bene.
Edwardus Peacoke }

SCHIPFORD.[2] Capella annexa ad Bampton.
Iconomi.[3] absens Johannes Taylor.
absens Johannes Tanner.

Decanatus de Wodstoke[4]

BARTON MAGNA.[5] Abbas et conuentus de Osneye proprietarij.
Dominus Johannes Rogers vicarius.[6]
Dominus Arthurus Rogers curatus.
Iconomi Robertus Aryes } Omnia bene.
Thomas Marche }

CUDDYNGTON.[7] Dominus Petrus Chawry rector.[8]
Dominus Johannes Rowleye curatus.
[Iconomi] Johannes Coleman } Non habent curatum continuum sed diuersis [temporibus] mutatum in graue dispendium parrochianorum.
Thomas Marigoode }

GLYMTON. Magister Fulconus[9] Salysburye rector.
Dominus Johannes Man.
Robertus Sanders firmarius.
Iconomi[10] Henricus Horne
Ricardus Andrews } Cancellus dilapidatur in fenestris . . . Johannes May mittit boues in ci[miterium] qui deturpant eundem[11] et eciam fenestre in . . . . . .[12] [rum]puntur . Deinde vocato parrocho judex mandauit . . . . . boues intrant[13] cimiterium predictum.

fo. 135*d.*

SAND[FORD].[14] A[bbas et] con[uentus de O]sneye proprietarij.
Dominus Henricus Gomond[15] vicarius / dicit quod

[1] Curate in 1526. [2] Shifford. [3] *Nota* in margin.
[4] 28 entries, three parochial chapels. No parish churches omitted.
[5] Steeple Barton.
[6] William Morgan was vicar in 1526, Giles Bylhedde in 1535.
[7] Kiddington. *Nota* mark in margin.
[8] Henry Hasylwodde was rector in 1535.
[9] *Sic :* for *Fulco.* [10] *Nota* mark in margin. [11] *Sic :* for *idem.*
[12] Supply *navi ecclesie.* [13] Probably should be *intrent.*
[14] Sandford St. Martin. *Nota* mark in margin.
[15] Gamond 1526. The vicar in 1535 was Robert Draycote.

tam et si ipse et predecessores sui p[er] aliquod tempus soluerunt procuraciones et sinodales archidiacono quod ipse non fatetur dicit[1] tamen quod si soluerunt hoc errore quodam fecerunt quippe abbas de Osney tenetur illud prestare et soluere , et hoc per quemdam[2] composicionem inter vicarium et abbatem huiusmodi factam plenius apparet et liquet.[3]

Iconomi Edmundus Coke
Willelmus Botler } Omnia bene.

BLADON. Magister Christoferus Barnes rector.[4]

[Iconomi][5] Ricardus Valente
Johannes Darlyng } Non habent curatum ibidem permanentem sed quemdam fratrem[6] culpa firmarij magistri Barnes.

WODESTOKE. Capella annexa ad Bladon.
Dominus Johannes Horne curatus.
Dominus Thomas Philppes cantarista.[7]
Dominus Willelmus Marschall cantarista.[8]
Dominus Thomas Harrys cantarista.[9]

Iconomi[10] Willelmus Savage
Johannes Grouer } Johannes Cop et vxor eius diffamerunt[11] vxorem Rolandi Chamberlan et Margeriam Blundell dicendo eos habuisse proles ante nupcias . Dominus Thomas Harres non habitat super cantaria sua nec debite seruit eidem.

HENSYNGTON. Capella annexa ad Bladon.
Johannes Cockes.

HANBOROWE. Magister Doctor Higdon.[12]
Dominus Georgius Wattson.

[Iconomi] Johannes Coke
Christoferus Burcher
Johannes Hill } Omnia bene.

[1] Repeated.
[2] *Sic* : for *quamdam.*
[3] The sentence is somewhat complicated. The vicar's statement was 'that even if he and his predecessors did pay procurations and synodals to the archdeacon for some time (which for his own part he does not admit), nevertheless, if they did so pay, it was by some mistake that they did this, inasmuch as the abbot of Oseney is bound to make this proffer and payment, and this appears clearly and in full by a composition made between the vicar and such abbot.'
[4] Dr. Leonard Huchynson was rector in 1535.
[5] *Nota* mark in margin.
[6] A friar.
[7] Named in 1526 (Phillippes). See I, 131.
[8] Stip. in 1526 (Marsshall).
[9] Named at Bladon 1526 : still *cantarista* in 1535.
[10] Two *nota* marks in margin.
[11] *Sic* : for *diffamarunt.*
[12] See p. 48 above, note 11. In 1535 Higden had been succeeded by John Holyman.

WESTCOTTBARTON. Magister Robertus Fenton rector.[1]
[Iconomus[2]] Willelmus Amesden / Vxor Willelmi Bawderey retinet pecunias ecclesie quas reliquit maritus / Agnes Crampe q . . . to perit[3] : suppressit partum suum abscondit interfecitque . Erat impregnata per quemdam Johannem Wyghton.

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STEPLEASTON. Magister Haywarden rector . studet Oxonie.[4]
Dominus Jacobus Warton curatus.
Ricardus Schirde firmarius.
[Iconomi] Cristoferus . . . valet
Johannes S . . . . . } Omnia bene.

DUNSTEWE. Prior et conuentus de Merton[5] proprietarij.
Magister Ricardus Castelton vicarius.[6]
Iconomi[7] Robertus Sawle
Willelmus Andrew } Mother Hall fouet quamdam mulierem impregnatam iam existentem in domo sua.

NORTHEASTON.[8] Prior et conuentus de Bradstoke[9] proprietarij.
Dominus Nicholaus Pye vicarius non residet sed habet aliam curam apud Netherheyford.[10]
Iconomi Henricus Fyscher
Johannes Hall } Omnia bene.

RULLESHAM.[11] Magister Willelmus Redferne rector.
Iconomi[12] Willelmus Myres
Ricardus Creton } Cantaria ibidem est dilap[idata] . . . . . celebrat ibidem nisi per . . . . . .

TACKELEY. Magister Thomas Hulse rector residet super a[lio beneficio].[13]
Dominus Matheus Schekwell curatus.[14]
Iconomi Ricardus Howes
Christoferus Barett } Omnia bene.

[1] The rector in 1535 was Drew (*Drogonus*) Fever.
[2] *Nota* mark in margin.
[3] *Sic :* for *peperit.* The word before is not clear.
[4] Mag. Clement Wymer was rector in 1526. Haywarden appears to be Richard Hawarden, fellow of New college 1518, M.A. 1526.
[5] In Surrey. [6] John Andrewes was vicar in 1535.
[7] *Nota* mark in margin. [8] North Aston. [9] Bradenstoke in Wiltshire.
[10] *Vocetur* in margin. Pye was curate at Nether Heyford in 1526, Peter Webber being then vicar of North Aston.
[11] Rousham. [12] *Nota* mark in margin.
[13] John Walker was rector in 1535.
[14] This may be Matthew Shawe, named in 1526, who was also curate at Wendlebury for half the year.

SCHIPTON SUPER CHARWELL. Magister Johannes Corninysche[1] rector.
Dominus Edwardus Thorpe.

Iconomi[2] Willelmus Hyckes Thomas Rypyngale	Ricardus Foxe famulus Willelmi Rypyn[gale] Willelmi Ripyngale[3] dedit ecclesie per suam vltimam voluntatem vnum nobile soluendum per Willelmum Schirton qui erat debitor eiusdem Ricardi . Magister eius administrat bona defuncti absque huiusmodi [solucione]

KYDDLYNGTON. Abbas et conuentus de Osney proprietarij.
Dominus Rogerus Mittyng curatus.

Iconomi Robertus Sawders Willelmus Warden	Ricardus Milton et Thomas Feld detinent pecunias ecclesie . . . . . carpentario qui cum . . . . vi . . . Quidam Emster manens apud Chepyngnorton impregnauit . . . . .

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STANT[ON]HARCOT. [Abbas et] con[uentus d]e Redyng proprietarij.
Dominus Henricus Walkelate curatus.[4]
Magister doctor Alderyge vicarius[5] /
Iconomi Robertus Flaxne
Thomas Dimerstone } Omnia bene.
Willelmus Clamfed.[6]
Ricardus Wadham.

SOWTHELEY.[7] Capella annexa ad Stanton.
Dominus Humfridus Rychardes curatus.

Iconomi[8] Thomas Colles Johannes Northe	Magister Harcott debet ecclesie dimidium quarterij ordij et debet soluere annuatim parrocho vj^{d} et iij denarios sancti Petri quod non facit immo soluere recusat.

[1] *Sic :* for Cornysshe. [2] *Nota* mark in margin. [3] *Sic.*
[4] Curate in 1526. The vicar in 1526 was Richard Hunte, in 1535 John Pereson.
[5] Robert Aldrich, M.A. Camb., 1515, D.D. Oxon. 1530. At this time he was preb. of Decem Librarum in Lincoln. He became archdeacon of Colchester in 1531, canon of Windsor, registrar of the order of the Garter and provost of Eton in 1534, and bishop of Carlisle in 1537. He died 5 March, 1555–6.
[6] *Sic :* for Clanfeld. [7] South Leigh. [8] *Nota* in margin.

COGGES. Prepositus et socij de Eton proprietarij.
Magister Johannes Clerke curatus.[1]
Magister Weyman firmarius.
Iconomi[2] Willelmus Whyght, Thomas Whyght — Nauis ecclesie patitur defectum in cooperimentis.

[NORTHELEY.][3] Abbas et conuentus de Hayles proprietarij.
Dominus Bartholomeus Gonstone.[4]
Dominus Johannes Myddelton curatus.
Iconomi[5] Ricardus Coper, Johannes Brekesper — Trussell mittit animalia in cimiterium pretextu cuius cimiterium huiusmodi maxime leditur et deturpatur.

[WOTTON.][6]. Dominus Willelmus Barley rector.[7]
Dominus Willelmus Jenkynson curatus.[8]
[Iconomi[9]] Thomas Aston, Johannes Horne — Elizabeth famula cuiusdam Johannis Gregorye est impregnata per quemdam Johannem Drynkwater . Mures[10] ecclesie rumpuntur . Judex monuit eos reficere citra festum Omnium Sanctorum.

EYNISHAM. Abbas et conuentus ibidem proprietarij.
Magister Johannes Gurle vicarius.[11]
Iconomi[12] Johannes Godwyn, Willelmus Cordewyn — Magdalena Deane fouet lenocinium et suspiciose viuit cum personis ignotis frequentibus domum eius / Johannes Hill est communis jurator et . . . . . non audit diuina officia nec accedit ad ecclesiam.

fo. 137.

COMBE.[13] Rector et socij Lincoln . Oxon . proprietarij.

[1] Dom. Johannes Clerk, curate in 1526.
[2] *Nota* mark in margin.
[3] North Leigh.
[4] Vicar (Gunstone) in 1526 and (Gounstone) in 1535.
[5] *Nota* mark in margin.
[6] Wootton.
[7] The rector in 1526 was William Blakden, in 1535 John Walker, possibly the same person named above as rector of Tackley at that date.
[8] Curate in 1526.
[9] *Nota* mark in margin.
[10] *Sic* : for *muri*.
[11] Also vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Oxford.
[12] *Nota* mark in margin.
[13] Combe Longa.

Dominus Johannes Scharpe.

Iconomi[1] Johannes Colles
Thomas Schipton } Galfridus Johnson impregnauit vxorem suam ante nupcias.

BEKEBROKE.[2] Dominus Johannes Russell rector.[3]

Iconomi[4] Thomas Alen
Thomas Baylye } Non habent curatum permanentem sed monachum Vocato parrocho judex monuit eum quatinus prouideret alium curatum permanentem et . . . . quatinus exhiberet dispensacionem[5] infra quindenam.

CASYNGTON. Abbas et conuentus de Eynesham proprietarij.
Dominus Willelmus Fuller vicarius.[6]
Iconomi Robertus Marche
Griffin Inglesbye } Omnia bene.

STONEFELD. Dominus Philippus Apprice rector.
[Iconomi] Morganus Machyn
Ricardus Tuckener } Omnia bene.

WYVELCOT.[7] Dominus Johannes Leuersage rector.[8]

ERDYNGTON.[9] Abbas et conuentus de Eynesham proprietarij.
Dominus Johannes Russell vicarius.[10]
Iconomi[11] Johannes Gybbes
Thomas Gybbes } Omnia bene preterquam ecclesia habet complures debitores.

Decanatus de Oxonia[12]

ECCLESIA SANCTE MARIE. Prepositus et socij collegij Regalis Oxon[13] . proprietarij.
Magister doctor Roper vicarius.[14]
Dominus Willelmus Philippe curatus.
Iconomi Willelmus Alberd
Ricardus Hoper } Omnia bene.

[1] *Nota* mark in margin. [2] Begbrooke. [3] Also vicar of Yarnton.
[4] *Nota* mark in margin. [5] I.e. for plurality of benefices.
[6] Called Fullow in 1526. The vicar in 1535 was John Roberts. [7] Wilcot.
[8] Henry Barley is named as curate in 1526. Leversage is mentioned in 1535.
[9] Yarnton. [10] Also rector of Begbrooke : see above.
[11] *Nota* mark in margin. [12] 14 entries, two parochial chapels.
[13] I.e. Oriel college.
[14] Roper was also vicar of Witney ; see p. 48 above, note 12. Inst. to St Mary's 14 Nov., 1498. He died before 11 June 1534, when he was succeeded by mag. John Pytte, S.T.B., rector in 1535, who res. in the same year (Wood, *City of Oxford* [Oxf. Hist. Soc.], III, 89).

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ECCLESIA SANCTI CLEMENTIS. Magister Willelmus Basse rector.[1]
Iconomi absens Johannes Caxton
absens Johannes Rode

ECCLESIA OMNIUM SANCTORUM. Rector et socij collegij Lincolniensis proprietarij.
Dominus Ricardus Fletcher curatus.

Iconomi[2] Robertus Davis
Johannes Maydstone

Agnes Happar contraxit cum quodam carpentario inter quos banna erant edita diu ab hinc . . . . . [creditur quod] suspiciose viuunt . Johannes Philipps cubat in domo . . . . . cum qua creditur quod suspiciose viuit . Johanna Preston contraxit cum quodam Taylor quod matrimonium non celebratur et creditur quod suspiciose viuunt . Scholares aule Pecwatersine . . . . . Edwarde[3] veniunt ad eorum ecclesiam vbi audiunt diuina vt tenentur[4] ire ad collegium Cardinalicium et hoc ex mandato episcopi Lincolniensis.

ECCLESIA SANCTI PETRI IN BALIOLO. Magister doctor Buckeley rector.[5]
Dominus Rogerus Hues curatus.

[1] Mag. William Bays, Dec. Bac., inst. 4 Nov., 1523, ob. ante 5 Nov., 1540 (Wood, III, 81).
[2] *Nota* mark in margin.
[3] Peckwater's Inn was soon to be merged in Christ Church. Probably we should read *et aule Sancti Edwardi* after *Pecwatersine*.
[4] *Jure* cancelled.
[5] Mag. Arthur Bulkeley, LL.B., of New Inn Hall, inst. 1 June 1523, ob. ante 2 March, 1531–2, when he was succeeded by mag. Hugh Robertes, Dec. Bac. (Wood, III, 99, 100). He was rector of Llanddeusant in Anglesey, a cursal canon of St. Asaph, where his stall still bears his name, and preb. of Clynnog Fawr in Carnarvonshire. He was consecrated bishop of Bangor 19 Feb., 1541–2, and died 14 March, 1552–3.

Iconomi[1] Ricardus
Joanes
Andreas Ferne
} Vxor Colls recipit mulieres grauidas in domum suam in qua fouentur . Vxor Gybscott est communis diffamatrix vicinorum suorum.

ECCLESIA SANCTE MARIE MAGDALENE. Abbas et conuentus de Osney proprietarij.
Magister Johannes Gurle vicarius.[2]
Dominus Willelmus Musmare curatus.
Magister Hayes stipendarius.[3]
[Iconomi[4]] Ricardus Walkelyn
Johannes Hawkyns
} Pecierunt dilacionem quibus judex assignauit ad tradendum detectiones suas die Sabati ad quindenam.

ECCLESIA SANCTI PETRI IN ORIENTE. Custos et socij collegij sancti Mertini[5] Oxon proprietarij.
Magister Robertus Serles vicarius.[6]
Dominus Johannes Whyght curatus.
Dominus Johannes Whyght curatus.[7]
[Iconomi] absens Willelmus Crispie.
absens Robertus Holdebeke.

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HOLYWELL. Custos et socij collegij sancti Mertini[8] Oxon . proprietarij.
Dominus Nicholaus Bodcoke curatus.
Iconomi Johannes Smythe
Willelmus Perne
} Omnia bene.

ECCLESIA SANCTI ALDATI. Magister Willelmus Marble rector.[9]
Magister Johannes Glasyere curatus.[10]

[1] *Nota* mark in margin.
[2] Also vicar of Eynsham. Inst. to St. Mary Magdalene's 15 April, 1515, res. by 17 July, 1534, when he was succeeded by mag. William Tresham, S.T.P. (Wood III, 92).
[3] John Hayes, named in 1526.
[4] Hand in margin.
[5] *Sic.* Merton college is meant.
[6] Inst. 20 Dec., 1524 (Wood III, 98). He was fellow of Merton, M.A. 1516–17.
[7] *Sic :* repeated.
[8] *Sic.* Merton college, as before. Holywell was a chapel to St. Peter's in the East.
[9] Inst. 16 Jan., 1514–15, res. by 2 Nov., 1538 (Wood III, 79).
[10] John Glaserde was curate of St. Thomas' in 1526.

Iconomi[1] Ricardus Huckyns
Ricardus Wiggested } Magister Basse negat soluere denarios sancti Petri necnon quidam Humfridus retinet personas suspectas et ut creditur fouet lenocinium et vxores Lye et Sterlyng sunt communes diffamatrices . Ricardus Coke non visitat ecclesiam nec in eadem audit diuina.

Ecclesia sancti Michaelis.[2] Rector et socij collegij Lincolniensis proprietarij.
Dominus Willelmus Gateley curatus.

Iconomi[3] Johannes Colls
Cristoferus Walker } Quidam Willelmus Tytt contraxit cum quadam Philippa et edidit banna tamen non solempnizatur illud : adinvicem viuunt tanquam [maritus] et vxor in vna et eadem domo.

Ecclesia sancti Martini.[1] Dominus Willelmus Wodward rector.[5]
Dominus Willelmus Alen curatus.
Iconomi Willelmus Folyfold
Willelmus Spensar } Omnia bene.

Ecclesia sancti Egidij. Abbatissa et conuentus de Godstowe proprietarij.
Magister Dauid Pole vicarius.[6]
Dominus Ricardus Plunkett curatus.
Iconomi Johannes Watson
Willelmus Leonard } Omnia bene.

Ecclesia sancti Thome. Abbas et conuentus de Osney proprietarij.
Dominus Johannes Williams curatus.
[Iconomi] absens Ricardus Cotterell
absens . . . . Deuelyng }

[1] *Nota* mark in margin. [2] St. Michael's at the North gate.
[3] *Nota* mark in margin. [4] Carfax.
[5] Inst. 1510, res. by 21 Jan., 1538–9 (Wood III, 88).
[6] Mag. Thomas Powell (Aphowell, LL.B., inst. 27 April, 1524) was vicar in 1526. He was succeeded on resignation by mag. David Pole, Dec. Doc., 25 April, 1528, who res. by 2 March, 1530–1, when mag. Morgan Johns, Dec. Bac., was inst. Johns (Jones) res. by 7 Dec., 1531, and his successor, Mag. John Barber, LL.B., res. by 20 Nov., 1534. Mag. Edward Webster, A.M., then inst., was vicar in 1535, but res. by 14 Dec., 1536 (Wood III, 86, 87). Thus in twelve years there were five vicars, all members of All Souls college. David Pole was fellow of All Souls. In 1531 he obtained Tachbrook preb. in Lichfield, where he became archdeacon of Salop in 1536 and archdeacon of Derby in 1542–3. He was also dean of Arches. He was consecrated bishop of Peterborough 15 Aug., 1557, and was deprived in 1559.

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ECCLESIA SANCTE EBBE. Magister Robertus Blackmor rector.[1]

[Iconomi[2]] Johannes Leke
Egidius Morlett
} Vxor cuiusdam Elyott' suspiciose viuit . Johanna Coper eodem modo viuit . Et vxor Hall retinet suspectas personas in domo sua.

VULVECOTT.[3] Dominus Willelmus Hayward curatus.

Iconomi Willelmus Person
Thomas Archer
} Omnia bene.

Decanatus de Aston[4]

CHYNNORE. Magister Doctor Incent rector.[5]
Dominus Willelmus Elyvale curatus.[6]
Ricardus Goodchylde firmarius.

Iconomi[7] Ricardus Clerke
Johannes Priste
} Cancellus est ruinosus in cooperimento videlicet in the sylyng super altare.

CROWELL. Dominus Edmundus Crowell.[8]

Iconomi Robertus Trotman
Willelmus Flecher
} Omnia bene.

ASTON.[9] Decanus et socij collegij Cardinalicij Oxon . proprietarij.
Dominus Nicholaus Ascheley vicarius.[10]
Dominus Hugo Colley curatus.

Iconomi[11] Johannes Belson
Robertus Belson
} Robertus Cornenische negat soluere denarios sancti Petri.

LUKENORE. Custos et socij collegij Animarum Oxon . proprietarij.
Magister Ricardus Bedoo vicarius.[12]

[1] LL.B. Inst. 2 March, 1521–2 (Wood III, 83).
[2] *Nota* mark in margin.
[3] Wolvercote, chapel to St. Peter's in the East.
[4] 24 entries, four parochial chapels. The prebendal church of Thame with the chapels of Sydenham and Tetsworth was locally in this deanery.
[5] See page 39 above, note 4. [6] Ellwell 1526.
[7] *Nota* mark in margin.
[8] *Sic :* probably for *Powell,* called Edward Powell in 1535. Mag. Geoffrey Gayne was rector in 1526.
[9] Aston Rowant.
[10] Asteley 1526 and 1535. Also vicar of South Stoke.
[11] *Nota* mark in margin.
[12] Bedowe 1526. Richard Bedow was of All Souls, M.A. 1505. The vicar in 1535 was one Richardson, Christian name not given.

Iconomi[1] Johannes Rowles
Robertus Broke

[2]Deberent accipere ex consuetudine vj s. viij d. videlicet pro quolibet cadauere[3] sepulto in ecclesia vj s. viij d. et magister Whitney negat soluere et sepeliuit tria cadauera in eadem et eciam recusat soluere panem benedictum.

SCHYRBORNE.[4] Abbas et conuentus de Dorchestar proprietarij.
Dominus Johannes Person vicarius.[5]

[Iconomi[6]] Ricardus Whyte
Ricardus Schedeman

Famules[7] magistri Chamberlen militis fregerunt fines et foras[8] cimiterij et agunt animalia per cimiterium pretextu cuius cimiterium deturpatur . Cancellus ecclesie est ruinosus culpa abbatis de Dorchester rectoris.

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PYRTON. Abbas et conuentus de Norton proprietarij.[9]
Dominus Willelmus Bayly vicarius.[10]
Dominus Robertus Ascroft curatus.[11]

[Iconomi] Johannes[12] Symon
Ricardus Emery

Sunt parati reddere compotum et parrochiani recusant recipere ex qua causa ignorant . Carent libris et fines ecclesie rumpuntur . Judex monuit eos ad construendum fines cimiterij et eciam ad emendum libros citra festum Omnium Sanctorum.

STANDELL CAPELLA. Capella dependens a Pyrton.
Dominus Ricardus Neway curatus.

MOORE.[13] Capella annexa ad Luckenor.
Iconomi Thomas West
Johannes Modye } Omnia bene.

[1] *Nota* mark in margin. [2] *te* cancelled. [3] *sepe* cancelled.
[4] Shirburn.
[5] Parson 1535. The vicar in 1526 was mag. Richard Mabote.
[6] *Nota* mark in margin. [7] *Sic :* for *famuli.* [8] *ecclesie* cancelled.
[9] The prior and convent of Norton in Cheshire.
[10] The vicar in 1526 was Laurence Orrell.
[11] Called Ascott in 1526. [12] *Nota* mark in margin.
[13] The chapel of Mouer (Ackhampstead or Cadmore End), locally in Buckinghamshire. See I, 36, where the form Ashampstead is wrongly given.

WHATTLYNGTON. Abbas et conuentus de Osney proprietarij.
Magister Johannes Schott vicarius.[1]
Dominus Hugo Yes curatus.
Iconomi Thomas Brasyar, Willelmus Harper } Omnia bene.

NEWELME.[2] Magister Thomas Leyson rector residet in altero beneficio.[3]
Magister Philippus Bale magister hospitalis.[4]
Dominus Jacobus Myller ludi magister.[5]
Dominus Johannes Wodye curatus.
Willelmus Merser firmarius.
[Iconomi[6] Willelmus Sclither, Willelmus Mercer } Thomas Luke negat soluere denarios sancti Petri.

CUXHAM. Magister Willelmus Irlond rector.[7]
Iconomi[8] Johannes Gybbons, Cristoferus Mynge } Cancellus patitur defectum in pauimento.

CHALGROUE. Abbas et conuentus de Thame proprietarij.
Dominus Radulphus Hadoke vicarius.
Robertus Quartermaynes firmarius.
Iconomi Robertus Kathermaynes, Johannes Kathermaynes } Omnia bene.

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BRYGHTWELL.[9] Magister Nicholaus Bradbryght rector.[10]
Dominus Johannes Cottismore.
Dominus Robertus Turnor curatus.
Iconomi[11] Johannes Rose, Ricardus Alye } Cancellus ecclesie patitur defectum in cooperamento videlicet in the sylyng super altare.

[1] Scotte 1526 and 1535. [2] Ewelme.
[3] Thomas Leyson (Lysone in 1526) had been succeeded at Ewelme by Brian Carter in 1535. His other benefice was probably Kegworth in Leicestershire, of which and of Castle Ashby, Northants, he was also rector in 1526. These two he retained in 1535, when he was also rector of Bentham, Yorks., and of Wells, Norfolk, preb. of Yatton in Wells, and a preb. of St. Mary's, Warwick.
[4] Philip Bale was fellow of Exeter college and rector 1521–1526. He was rector of Honiton 1540 and Combe Raleigh, Devon, 1555, and died in 1559. In 1526 the master of Ewelme hospital was mag. William Umpton, in 1535 William Marshall.
[5] Milner 1526. [6] *Nota* mark in margin. [7] Irelande 1526, Irelond 1535.
[8] *Nota* mark in margin. [9] Brightwell Baldwin.
[10] Bradbrige 1526. Nicholas Bradbridge obtained Welton Rivall preb. in Lincoln in 1508, quitting it for Liddington preb. in the same year. In 1512 he exch. Liddington for the chancellorship of Lincoln with William Atwater, afterwards bishop of Lincoln. He died 14 March 1532–3. His successor at Brightwell Baldwin in 1535 is called Cottysford, presumably John Cottesford, rector of Lincoln college 1518–1538.
[1] *Nota* mark in margin.

SOWTHWESTON. Dominus Willelmus Ardes rector.
Iconomi[1] Edwardus Heyborne
Willelmus Beuerye
} Cancellus ecclesie est ruinosus in muris et fines cimiterij rumpuntur , et acceperunt terminum ad emendandum[2] citra diem dominicum quo ad cimiterium.

BARWYKE.[3] Capella dependens a Chalgraue.
Iconomi[4] Johannes More
Willelmus Wyse
} Fines cimiterij rumpuntur . Acceperunt terminum ad emendandum citra festum Omnium Sanctorum.

WHYTFELD.[5] Dominus Georgius Langschawe rector.[6]
Iconomus Franciscus Aderton . Omnia bene.

STOKE TALMAGE. Magister Edwardus Chamber rector.
Magister Thomas Morwyn curatus.
Iconomi[7] Ricardus Alnott
Johannes Fynche
} Rectoria est ruinosa . Rector tamen est circa reparacionem eiusdem.

AMYNGTON. Dominus Johannes Stratton rector.
[Iconomi] Johannes Gune
Thomas Fyscher
} Omnia bene.

IPSTONE.[8] Dominus Radulpus Meddeley rector.[9]
Dominus Egidius Colleye curatus.
Willelmus Banestar firmarius.
Iconomi[10] Iohannes Croke
Ricardus Tylor
} Anna Bowle est communis diffamatrix et obiurgatrix vicinorum.

ADWELL. Dominus Cristoferus Stanyard rector.[11]
[Iconomus] Johannes Broke / Omnia bene.

[WER]PYSGRAVE. Dominus Raynoldus Haryson rector non residet.
Magister Willelmus Barenteyne firmarius.

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ESYNGTON. Dominus Willelmus Hawkyns rector.[12]
[Iconomus[13]] Johannes Frytwell / cimiterium dilapidatur culpa Roberti Cottysbroke . Promisit judici emendare citra festum Omnium Sanctorum.

[1] *Nota* mark in margin. [2] *s* cancelled. [3] Berrick Salome.
[4] *Nota* mark in margin. [5] Wheatfield.
[6] Wrongly called John in 1535. [7] *Nota* mark in margin. [8] Ibstone.
[9] Wrongly called Richard Medeley 1535. Also rector of Rotherfield Grey.
[10] *Nota* mark in margin. [11] Staynarde 1526, Staynerd 1535.
[12] Roger Wittour, 'scolaris,' was rector in 1526. [13] *Nota* mark in margin.

STOKENCHURCHE. Capella annexa ad Aston /
Dominus Willelmus Beame curatus.

Iconomi[1] Willelmus Calemer
Ricardus Oxslade

Johanna Schower erat vt[2] fertur impregnata per quemdam Willelmum Hewes et obstetrices inspexerunt eam an erat sic necne et inspecta[3] duxerunt eam non esse impregnatam . Prefata tamen Johanna dicebat obstetricibus se esse carnaliter cognitam a prefato Willelmo [et esse im]pregnatam sed recepit poculum abortiuum quominus pareret , et habuit duos proles antea pro quo quidam crimine minime ad huc erat punita .

BRYTWELL.[4] Dominus Johannes Bothe rector.
Iconomi Nicholaus Fyscher
Johannes Whyght
} Omnia bene.

Decanatus de Hendeley[5]

HENLEY. Magister doctor Stokesleye rector.[6]
Dominus Johannes Dyar curatus.
Johannes Garnard stipendarius.
Dominus Jacobus Michilguyett.[7]
Dominus Johannes Pett stipendarius.[8]
Dominus Edmundus Shawe stipendarius

Iconomi[9] Henricus Lewen
Johannes Fowle

Chorus egit[10] reparacione in plumbo . Alicia Cristmas habet suspectum accessum ad cameram domini Johannis Dyar curati, quo vocato fatebatur prefatam Aliciam habuisse accessum diuersis temporibus

[1] *Nota* mark in margin. [2] *dicunt* cancelled. [3] *Sic.*
[4] Britwell Salome. [5] 22 entries, three parochial chapels. No omissions.
[6] Stokesley, who was consecrated bishop of London 27 Nov., 1530, was succeeded at Henley by Richard Baldewyn. He was principal of Magdalen Hall 1502–1505, where he was succeeded by the future bishop Longland. He was inst. vicar of Willoughby, co. Warw., 1 Feb., 1505–6, but res. by 28 Feb., 1521–2 (Dugdale, *Ant. Warw.*, ed. Thomas, I, 280), shortly after he had obtained the archdeaconry of Dorset, which with the rectory of Ivychurch, Kent, and apparently with the archdeaconry of Surrey, he was still holding in 1530. He was also rector of Slimbridge, Glouces. He died 8 Sept., 1539.
[7] Mekilthwayte 1526. [8] Payte 1526.
[9] *Nota* mark in margin. [10] *Sic :* for *eget.*

Iconomi[3] Henricus Lewen
Johannes Fowle

ad cameram suam et constituisse eam ad colligendum decimas parrochie ad vsum rectoris et locasse domum . . . . . vocasse purum[1] quemdam cum eadem filium spiritualem . Judex interrogauit eum aut[2] mulier habet maritum superstitem et ille dicebat quod sic et eum in hac parrochia fuisse tempore Natiuitatis vltimo viuendo [et] tunc vendidit bona sua et vxoris sue predicte et fugiebat , citra quod tempus eum non videbat . Judex precipiebat ei quod imposterum non vtaretur[4] consorcio dicte Alicie nec pateretur ipsam accedere ad cameram suam amplius sed ipsam deuitaret sicut . . . . sub pena excommunicacionis / Agnes Greneley erat impregnata per quemdam . . . . [et banna] erant edita / et vi[r] . . . . dicit quod predicta mulier . . . . . [Jud]ex precepit quatinus ieiunaret . . . . duobus dominicis . . . . . [p]ane et aqua . . . . . ipsam Agnetem deliberauit.

fo. 140*d.*

HARPYSDEN. Magister Charlett rector . Residet in altero beneficio.[5]
Dominus Johannes Gybson.
Iconomi Henricus Turue
Johannes Symon } Omnia bene.

SCHIPLAKE. Abbas et conuentus de Messeden[6] proprietarij.
Dominus Robertus Semer vicarius.[7]
Thomas Frewen
Johannes Clyment } Omnia bene.

[1] *Sic :* for *puerum.* [2] *Sic :* for *an.*
[3] *Nota* mark in margin. [4] *Sic :* for *uteretur.*
[5] Gregory Charlett, wrongly called George in 1535, was a canon of St. Mary's in the Castle (not of the Newarke college), Leicester. See Thompson, *Hist. Newarke Hosp. & College,* 221, 240.
[6] Missenden.
[7] Semar 1535. His predecessor, Richard Rose, was dead in 1526.

CAVERSHAM. Abbas et conuentus de Nottley proprietarij.
Dominus Ricardus Parker curatus.
Dominus Ricardus Wells capellanus.[1]
Iconomi Willelmus More, Robertus Louevye } Omnia bene.

MAPLEDURHAM. Dominus Thomas Peche rector.[2]
Iconomi Willelmus Taylway, Willelmus Curtes } Omnia bene.

WHYTTCHURCHE. Dominus Johannes Olyuer alias Smythe rector.[3]
Dominus Thomas Dauy curatus.
Iconomi Johannes Knyght, Thomas Boxe } Omnia bene.

CHEKENDON. Magister Thomas Justice rector.[4]
Dominus Thomas Tutball curatus.
Iconomi[5] Johannes Laveld, Willelmus Buttler } Fines cimeterij rumpuntur. Acceperunt terminum ad emendandum citra festum Omnium Sanctorum.

ROTHERFELD GRAY. Dominus Radulpus Medleye rector.[6]
Dominus Johannes Thorne curatus.[7]
Iconomi Edwardus Schowisman, Thomas Grene } Omnia bene.

ROTHERFELD PYPARD. Dominus Johannes Gryffithe rector.[8]
Dominus Jacobus Johnson curatus.[9]
[Iconomi][10] Johannes Browne, Ed. Curtes } Nauis ecclesie rumpitur in fenestris vitrijs. Judex monuit eos ad reficiendum citra festum Omnium Sanctorum.

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NUFFELD. Dominus Simon Ascheley rector.[11]
Dominus Willelmus Best curatus.[12]
Iconomus absens Thomas Spyre.

[1] Willys 1526. [2] Peth 1526, Pethe 1535.
[3] William Wrighte was rector in 1526. John Olyver is called LL.B. in 1535.
[4] Robert Lichefelde was rector in 1526. [5] *Nota* mark in margin.
[6] Also rector of Ibstone. As there, he is also called Richard here in 1535.
[7] Thornes 1526. [8] The rector in 1535 was Roger Ponsonby.
[9] Called *pensionarius* in 1526. [10] *Nota* mark in margin.
[11] Asteley 1526. Also rector of Mongewell. [12] Named in 1526.

GORYNG. Priorissa et conuentus de Goryng proprietarij.
Dominus Thomas Whyght curatus.
Dominus Radulphus Raye stipendarius.[1]
Iconomi Thomas Permaye } Omnia bene.
Johannes Potter

SOWTHESTOKE. Abbas et conuentus de Eynesham proprietarij.
Dominus Nicholaus Ascheley vicarius.[2]
Magister Willelmus Balisford curatus.[3]
Iconomi Willelmus Wales } Omnia bene.
Willelmus Taylor

MONGWELL. Dominus Simon Ascheley rector.[4]
[Iconomus] Ricardus Clerke / Omnia bene.

CROWMERSHE. Magister Willelmus Lancaster rector.
Magister Thomas Thomson curatus.[5]
Iconomi Thomas Schedman } Omnia bene.
Henricus Eyere

SONDECOMBE.[6] Dominus Ricardus Moke rector.[7]
Iconomi absens Robertus Newmer }
absens Thomas Basmore

BIX BRAN.[8] Magister Johannes Holyfaxe rector.[9]
Dominus Bennett Ball curatus.
Iconomi Willelmus Lucye } Omnia bene.
Thomas Hulse

BIX GEBEN.[10] Magister Johannes Holifaxe rector.

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NETTELBEDD. Abbas et conuentus de Dorchester proprietarij,
Dominus Rolandus Ebson curatus.
[Iconomi[11]] Ricardus Buttler } Nauis ecclesie patitur defectum . Sunt circa reparacionem eiusdem.
Thomas A. Den[12]

[1] Named in 1526.
[2] Also vicar of Aston Rowant. In 1535 Richard Davys was vicar of South Stoke.
[3] Ballisforde 1526.
[4] Asteley 1526 and 1535. Also rector of Nuffield.
[5] Named in 1526.
[6] Swyncombe.
[7] In 1526 Moke was also curate of Bix.
[8] The churches of Bix Brand and Bix Gibwyn (the same family name as in Marsh Gibbon, in Buckingham deanery) were held by one rector.
[9] Halifax 1526. John Darman was rector in 1535.
[10] Bix Gibwyn.
[11] *Nota* mark in margin.
[12] I.e. Adeane.

PUSSELD.[1] Capella dependens a Nettelbed.
[Iconomi] Johannes Kebell } Omnia bene.
Thomas Chyld

NEWNAM.[2] Capella dependens a Northestoke.
Iconomus Robertus A Den[3] . m̃ c'p[4] Thomas Skynner et Johannes Costerd dicunt parrochianos non habuisse compotum per xvj annos ab hinc a gardiano moderno . Non habent curatum permanentem sed aliquando cura deseruitur per fratrem[5] pretextu cuius sunt non unquam coacti perquirere curatum cum desiderent sacramenta.

NORTHESTOKE. Magister collegij sancti Johannis Cantabrigie proprietarius.
Magister Thomas Bradshawe curatus non residet et est cum comite de Darbye.[6]
[Iconomi[7]] Willelmus Smythe
Thomas Belar } Cancellus patitur defectum in fenestris vitreis . Non habent chorum in cancello . Tam mansus vicarie quam rectorie sunt enormiter dilapidate.[8]

IPPYSDEN. Capella dependens a Northestoke.
Iconomi.[9] Robertus Alnott
Thomas Frewyn } Cancellus ecclesie enormiter dilapidatur culpa rectoris.

fo. 142. Loca religiosa.[10]

fo. 142*d*. Blank.

[1] Pishill. [2] Newnham Murren.
[3] Adeane as in Nettlebed, above.
[4] Doubtful : possibly *n̄ c'p*, i.e. *non comparet*. *Nota* mark in margin.
[5] I.e. a friar, as in 1526 when a Franciscan, Jacobus de Colonia, is named as chaplain.
[6] Bradshawe is called vicar in 1526 and 1535.
[7] *Nota* mark in margin. [8] *Sic :* for *dilapidati*.
[9] *Nota* mark in margin.
[10] Apparently a heading for a list that was never made.

Visitations of Monasteries by Bishops Atwater and Longland

I

ANKERWYKE PRIORY

A. fo. 42

Ankarwyk

VISITATIO EXERCITA IBIDEM IN ECCLESIA CONUENTUALI PER DOMINUM EPISCOPUM LINCOLNIENSEM PERSONALITER XXV^to[1] MAII ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XIX^no.

xxv^to die Maii anno etc . die et loco predictis.

Domina Elesabeth Sibyll.

Domina Magdalena Downe[2]
Domina Alicia Leg' } tacite non expresse sunt professe.

Domina Alicia Hubbart stetit ibidem in habitu monachali ibidem[3] per quatuor annos et tunc in apostasiam recessit et cuidam[4] Sutton consanguineo magistri Ricardi Sutton senescalli de Syon[5] fuit nupta et cum eo in patria ipsius Sutton remanet in adulterio.

Domina Elisabeth Sootes.

Redditus ibidem extendunt prima facie ad xxxiiij li. xs. Inde resoluunt pro liberis redditibus v li. x s. / Et sic habent clare ad reparacionem et alia onera sustinenda v li. quadraginta marcas.[6]

Domina Margareta Apleton tacite tantum est professa.

Jocalia in ecclesia.

Habent ibidem[7] vestimenta sacerdotalia ad minus serica xiij.

Habent eciam vnicam capam de serico et auro.

j calicem de argento deauratam.

j par turribulorum.

j pixidem de argento pro sacramento.

[1] *Junii* cancelled.
[2] Magdalen Downes was prioress at the dissolution (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIII (i), p. 576).
[3] *Sic :* repeated.
[4] Christian name left blank.
[5] See *L. & P.H. VIII*, III (ii), no. 2483, p. 1049, where Mr. Sutton of Sion is assessed at £100 for the loan made for the king's expedition into France in 1519. In the same list occur in juxtaposition Mag. Ric. Sutton of Sion, £100 and House of Sion £200.
[6] It is not clear how this sum (£31 13s. 4d.) is obtained.
[7] *vestimen* cancelled.

ij libros missales impressos.

j magnum par candelabrorum ante summum altare.

j[1] paruum par candelabrorum supra summum altare.

ij[2] vrciolos argenteos.

j pax bread de argento / vna parua campana argentea.

Catalla.

Habent vaccas duas / ij vitulos / boues senes iij / vnus[3] bouiculus/ j vacca . . . . .[4] / iiij equas pro aratro.

Vtensilia.

V[5] pluuialia / x paria linthiaminum / quatuor superpellectilia[6] / iij paria de le blankettes . ij le white testers.

Habent redditus annuales preter terras ipsarum dominicalium[7] in earundem manibus occupatas—xvj li. xv s. ij d.

Inde in libero redditu annuatim a dicta domo exeunte v li. xj s. ix d.

Eisdem die et loco idem reuerendus pater visitationem suam vsque ad festum Pasche proximum et quemlibet diem citra[8] et commisit interim administracionem in ipso monasterio priorisse et domine Magdalene Down coniunctim . Et monuit easdem quod deinceps Willelmus Robson non intromitteret cum aliquali administracione ipsius domus.

II

ASHRIDGE

1. A. fo. 136*d*
2. L. ff. 63, 87

1

Assherugge

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE JOUIS XXIJ^do^ DIE APRILIS ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO CCCC^mo^ XVIIJ^mo^ PER REUERENDUM IN CHRISTO PATREM ET DOMINUM WILLELMUM ATWATER LINCOLNIENSEM EPISCOPUM ANNO SUE CONSECRACIONIS IIIJ^to^.

Fratres collegij non seruant silencium post completorium neque alijs temporibus et locis congruentibus . Pluries post completorium

[1] *parva candela* cancelled and *j* altered from *ij*.
[2] *cruettes viz. vrc* cancelled. [3] *bos ju* cancelled.
[4] A word here which seems to be *anne*.
[5] Altered from *vj*. [6] *Sic:* for *superpellicia*. [7] *Sic:* for *dominicales*.
[8] *Sic: continuavit* omitted. The following Easter fell on 8 April.

fratres dant se potationibus in aula et locis alijs eciam publicis . Dominus iniunxit rectori et correctori[1] quod ipsi faciant silentium obseruari et quod statim post completorium fratres ingrediantur dormitorium.

Fratres non sunt certiores de statu domus / Dominus iniunxit rectori quod ipse faceret computum officiariorum domus annuatim reddi et publicari coram quatuor de fratribus senioribus preter ipsos computantes.

Dominus iniunxit rectori quod ipse statim post istam visitacionem prouidebit de instructore pro nouicijs[2] in sciencijs primitiuis instruendis.

Dominus iniunxit rectori quod ipse faceret iniunctiones domini Willelmi Smyth nuper episcopi Lincolniensis obseruari et in loco quodam publico in dormitorio affigi sic quod ab omnibus fratribus collegij possunt[3] inspici et perimpleri.

Dominus iniunxit rectori et correctori quod ipsi facerent fratres juniores domus illis temporibus[4] quibus non sunt occupati in ecclesia circa diuina dare se studio et lecture librorum seu alteri decenti occupationi / non ocio neque potationibus aut alijs ludis siue jocis indecentibus.

Iniunctum fuit rectori quod ipse deinceps suam diligenciam adhibebit pro iuribus collegij defendendis / tenementis / et tenentibus eiusdem collegij superuidendis et ordinandis ad maximum vsum collegij et proficuum eiusdem.

Quilibet nouicius primo termino solutionis stipendiorum sociorum collegij post professionem suam deberet habere ex antiqua consuetudine collegij / integrum stipendium pro dimidio anno videlicet xv s. Hoc tamen hijs diebus non seruatur / Dominus iniunxit rectori quod ipse hoc deinceps faceret emendari et antiquam consuetudinem perimpleri.

Rector et corrector[5] cum corrigant fratres suos vtuntur verbis acerbis et obprobriosis . Iniunctum est rectori et correctori quod hoc faciant ammodo emendari.

Petitur quod fiat iniunctio rectori[6] ne concedat feoda vel annuitates[7] neque recipiat extraneos anglice surgoners[8] sine consensu conuentus . Iniunctum fuit ita per dominum.

[1] *Corrector* apparently = *co-rector*, i.e. one of the brethren who acted as coadjutor to the head of the house. The use of the word *fratres* in connection with such houses as Ashridge and Edington is largely responsible for the idea that Bonhommes were friars. The employment of *collegium* as the regular term for the establishment indicates its true character.

[2] *nouicijs* was written twice and the first word cancelled.

[3] *Sic :* for *possint*.

[4] *quibuscum* cancelled.

[5] *non corrigunt* cancelled.

[6] *et correctori* cancelled. It would seem that the *corrector* was concerned only with the internal discipline of the house.

[7] *rec* cancelled.

[8] I.e. sojourners, *perhendinantes*.

Prouideat dominus rector de quibusdam seruientibus qui poterunt adiuuare et releuare fratres collegij in pulsationibus campanarum , fratres enim huiusmodi pulsacionibus nimium grauantur . Iniunctum fuit.

xxiij° die mensis Aprilis anno Domini predicto predictus reuerendus in Christo pater et dominus Willelmus Dei gracia Lincolniensis episcopus in domo capitulari predicta iudicialiter sedens visitacionem suam dissoluit.

2

Asheridge

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE MERTIS VIDELICET[1] DIE MENSIS MAIJ ANNO DOMINI MILESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XXX^mo^ PER MAGISTRUM JOHANNEM RAYNE IURIS VTRIUSQUE DOCTOREM REUERENDI IN CHRISTO PATRIS ET DOMINI DOMINI JOHANNIS DEI GRACIA LINCOLNIENSIS EPISCOPI VICARIUM IN SPIRITUALIBUS GENERALEM ET CETERA.

Exhibito certificatorio per rectorem comparuerunt omnes isti fratres subscripti nominatim preconisati videlicet[2]

Dominus Thomas Waterhowse rector[3]
Frater Thomas Hill corrector
Frater Nicholaus Edington
Frater Elias Bernard
Frater Michaell Draper
Frater Robertus Ewar
Frater Johannes Hatfelde
Frater Robertus Hychyn
Frater Ricardus Gardyner
Frater Willelmus Knyghton
Frater Ricardus Bedford
Frater Ricardus Cauar[4]
Frater Joseph Stepneth[5]
Frater Rogerus Byrcheley
Frater Willelmus Yonge
Frater Willelmus Dounham
Frater Willelmus Brooke.

Charitas minime habetur inter fratres.

Statuta et ordinaciones collegij violantur in commessessionibus[6] et potacionibus.

[Granator non] est vtilis collegio . Vxor magistri Reed firmarij . . . pernoctat in collegio et eciam[7] dictus magister Reed.

Numerus fratrum diminuitur.

[1] Probably 24 May. See Appendix I.

[2] In this list dots are placed against the names of the corrector and three following brethren. The name of Nicholas Edington may indicate that he came from the house of Bonhommes in Wiltshire.

[3] Waterhowse was still rector at the dissolution, when there were seventeen names on the pension list (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIV (ii), no. 261, p. 97). Edington, Bernard and Ewar are not included, but all the rest are on the list, with three new names, Richard Sawnders, John Axstell and a novice, Edward Peacock.

[4] Evidently the Richard Cannon of the pension list. The name is written indistinctly in the MS. and may be 'Canan.'

[5] I.e. Stepney.

[6] *Sic :* for *commessacionibus.*

[7] *Maritus* cancelled.

Nota quod garciones apud parentes *nimis* frequenter sunt . Frater Robertus Ewar vtitur phesica[1] . *Dictus Robertus* est celerarius collegij et onerosus.[2]

[fo. 87] Draper . Dicit omnia bene.

Ewar[3] . Granator exeat[4] collegium[5] sine causa multociens . Idem granator permittit capones pascere circa collegium nisi de proprijs caponibus et cum fuerint pingues ad libitum ad vsum suum illos vendit ; et ambulat suspecte per sepes et vias.

Hatfeld[6] . Numerus fratrum diminuitur . Granator est invtilis collegio ; petatur de correctore[7] pro computo granatoris.

Dominus rector tenetur ex constitucionibus conciliare cum *quatuor* senioribus quoad vtilitatem domus . Nota pro reuocacione *concessionum*[8] factarum per rectorem quoad firmas.

. . . . . m[9] . Seniores non *habentur in reputacione.*[10]

Juniores non[11] non[12] curant de senioribus nec reuerenciam debitam eis facient neque dant eis locum iuxta laudabilem morem domus.

Hychyn[13] . Officium g[ra]narij est[14] onerosum c[ollegio] . . . . melius esset [locare] terram arabilem honesto firm[ario].

Gardyner[15] . Dicit rectorem esse vtilem collegio . [Hatfelde est inobediens] rectori et habet verba obprobriosa . . . . . in collegio sed sunt bone conuersac[ionis] . . . . . .

Hatefelde[16] vtitur phesica . R . . . . . disposito . . . . . uris.

Knyghton . Habet impedimentum quod non potest cantare[17] missas neq[ue] . . . . . voce.

Dominus rector nititur firmarios exire[18] qui habent indenturas . . . . . rectoris / Vxor cuiusdam Hugonis[19] de *villa* sancti Alban[i] . . . . . multociens venit ad collegium et ibidem pernoctat . Sunt alie [mulieres] viciniores qui[20] intrant domum multociens et sunt sic in pri[oratu] vsque ad noctem contra statuta domus in camera celerarij.

[1] I.e. practices the art of physic.
[2] Fo. 63*d* is blank. The depositions of the members of the house, evidently belonging to this visitation, are isolated on ff. 87, 88.
[3] Hand in margin against this entry.
[4] *Sic :* for *exit.*
[5] *suspiciose* cancelled.
[6] *Nota* mark in margin.
[7] *de* cancelled.
[8] Interlined above *constitucionum* cancelled.
[9] Probably *Dounham.*
[10] Interlined above *reputantur* cancelled.
[11] *reputant seniores* cancelled.
[12] *Sic* repeated.
[13] *Nota* mark in margin. *Gran* . . . . cancelled.
[14] *damp* cancelled.
[15] Two *nota* marks in margin.
[16] *Nota* mark in margin.
[17] A word cancelled.
[18] *Sic :* for *expedire.*
[19] Surname blank.
[20] *Sic :* for *que.*

[fo. 87*d*.]

Taberna[1] . Extra tempus refeccionum fratres non debent commedere neque bibere nisi cum egrotis , quod nunc dierum non obseruatur[2] *racione* taberne , *et alias* infra collegium multi extranei illic frequentant domum et fratres habent occasionem violandi *domini ordinacionem*[3] et consumendi pecunia[4] ; que taberna erat interdicta et inhibita per dominum.

Granarius[5] multum occupat se in campis et ambulando circa cepes tempore diuinorum invtiliter et *in* scandalum domus.

Dominus rector non sequitur concilia seniorum in eo[6] negocia domus.

Bedford[7] . Vxores cuiusdam Hugonis et cuiusdam Hill de villa sancti Albani rediunt[8] et pernoctant infra monasterium per duas noctes continuas infra breue.[9]

Cauar[10] . Hatefelde fuit inobediens et contendebat cum rectore.

Videantur iniuncciones domini Lincolniensis episcopi[11] . Granarius est invtilis monasterio et illud officium est dampnosum monasterio.

Phesica[12] vtuntur Thewar[13] et Hatfelde et sirurgica.

Stepneth . Charitas non obseruatur inter fratres . Hatfelde est multum impaciens et inobediens rectori.

. . . . . .[14] rediunt ad monasterium peregrinandi causa . Taberna fuit inhibita [per] dominum Lincolniensem episcopum et non tenebatur taberna tempore vltimi rectoris racione prohibicionis.

Hatefelde *multociens contendit*[15] contra rectorem . . . . . M . . . t phisicant infirmis.

Mulieres rediunt [ad] collegium et prandiunt in camera celerarij.

[Hat]feld aliquando absentat se a[16] matutinis.

. . . . . seruatur per Hatfelde.

Matutine debito modo n[on] incipiuntur in cantu et cantant multum festinanter indevote.

Post completorium quidam de fratribus violant regulam [non] intrando dormitorium videlicet Hichyn et Cauar set bibendo.

Quidam sunt inobedientes rectori a tempore eleccionis sue.

[1] Hand in margin. [2] *et* cancelled.
[3] *iniunccionem* cancelled. [4] *Sic.*
[5] *Nota* mark in margin : *exeat multoci* cancelled.
[6] *quod concernit* seems to be omitted. [7] *Nota* mark in margin.
[8] *Sic.* [9] *tempus* omitted. [10] *Nota* mark in margin.
[11] Presumably of Bishop Smyth : see p. 72. *Nota* mark in margin.
[12] *vtitur* cancelled. [13] *Sic : Ewar* must be meant.
[14] *Mulieres* or *extranei* are probably the missing words.
[15] Interlined above *est multum contendens* cancelled.
[16] *matutin* cancelled.

Nouicij non vtuntur birretis et[1] ob quam causam nesciuntur.[2]

Hichin[3] exijt *chorum* monasterij tempore exequiarum *et frequentat villas vicinas* : indebitatur diuersis personis.

Hatefelde et Bedford adinuicem pugnabant cum pincerna . Bedford pugnabat cum Hichyn . Thewar diffamauit Willelmum Becke[4] dicendo he had a crown of his.

[fo. 88.]

Quidam tenentur interesse misse beate Marie Virginis officiando et non intersunt pluries.[5]

Nouicie[6] non vtuntur birretis ob quam causam nescitur.

Ricardus Cauar consueuit exire domum in patriam[7] ad Dunstaple vel alibi et ambulat in via dimisso habitu indutus solummodo diploide et caligis.

Facta inquisicione vt patet dominus iniunxit domino rectori et omnibus fratribus eius in virtute obediencie quod sint decetero vnanimes et concordes ac caritatiue inuicem se gerentes quatenus in conspectu omnipotentis Dei puro corde et mundo corpore valent ministrare.

Item iniunxit omnibus fratribus sub pena contemptus vt abstineant se a commessionibus[8] et potacionibus et precipue post completorium sine racionabili causa et tunc de licencia expressa domini rectoris seu correctoris iuxta ordinaciones collegij , et quod contra facientes jeiunarent in pane et aqua die sequenti tociens quociens , quam penam diligenter imponere iniungimus domino correctore[9] sub pena contemptus.

Item quod omnes et singuli fratres abstineant se a consorcio mulierum suspectarum tam infra collegium quam extra sub pena juris et ordinacionum dicti collegij.

Item iniungimus domino rectori et correctori necnon omnibus fratribus quod non permittant mulierem seu mulieres intrare collegium iuxta ordinaciones dicti collegij , et si ex aliqua justa causa alique intrauerint vt causa pere[grin]acionis n[on] intrent cameram ali[c]uius fratris set [bi]bant si oporteat in au[l]a domini recto[ris seu] in alio loco non so[le .] sub pen[a] su[sp]ensionis.

Item iniunxit domino rectori et correc[to]ri vt pro infirmis . . . . . sine murmuracione prouidean[t]ur a ministr[is].

[1] *nesc* cancelled.
[2] *Sic :* for *nescitur.*
[3] *non exeat* cancelled.
[4] Called Brooke in the list of members.
[5] Written *plruies.*
[6] *Sic :* for *Nouicii.*
[7] *et* cancelled.
[8] *Sic.*
[9] *Sic :* for *correctori.* Here and again below the injunctions are quoted in *oratio recta.*

Item iniunxit domino rectori quod bis in ann[o] compot[um] . . . . . reddat coram quatuor de senioribus qu[o]rum eciam con . . . . . .[1] collegij.

Item iniunxit quod officiarij dis[cre]cionem o[b]seruen[t] et fidelitate[m] in admin[istracione officiorum suorum] et precipue quod granator et celerarius [in] officijs su[is] sint fideles d . . . . . .[2] computum reddentes sub pena juris.

Item iniunxit quod nullus eorum exeat collegium sine causa [racionabili .] et quod juniores non exeant sine consocio.

Item iniunxit quod nullus fratrum exerceat phesicam sub pena exc[ommunicacionis].

Quibus iniunccionibus sic factis dominus visitacionem suam ibidem dissoluit.

III

BARDNEY ABBEY

1. A fo. 51
2. L. fo. 5.

Bardenay monasterium

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM IN DOMO CAPITULARI DIE SABBATI NONO DIE JULII ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XIX^no^ PER DOMINUM WILLELMUM ATWATER EPISCOPUM LINCOLNIENSEM PERSONALITER.[3]

Prouideatur ne aliqui ex monachis monasterii custodiant aliquos canes venaticos infra loca claustralia monasterii / ne deturpetur per huiusmodi canes / ecclesia / claustrum / refectorarium / domus capitularis / Dominus firmiter iniunxit omnibus monachis illius monasterii quod amodo nullus ipsorum aliquos canes venaticos / aut nidos seu aves alias consimiles custodiet habebit aut seruabit in locis claustralibus monasterii seu in aliquibas aliis locis vllo modo.

Barbitonsor monachorum contra antiquum morem monasterii radit personas seculares in illa domo in qua radet[4] monachos et plerumque anteponit seculares huiusmodi in nocumentum confratrum monasterii . Dominus firmiter iniunxit quod amodo nullo pacto[5] barbitonsor monachorum radet aliquas personas pseculares[6] in illa domo in qua sunt monachi monasterii radendi / neque quod ipse barbitonsor aliquas personas seculares anteponit[7] monachos[8]

[1] *consilio utatur circa negocia* is what is wanted.
[2] *dispensatores bonorum plenum* supply the missing words.
[3] *ei*, the beginning of a word, written here and left uncancelled.
[4] *Sic :* for *radit.*
[5] *bartiso* cancelled.
[6] *Sic.*
[7] *Sic :* for *anteponat.*
[8] *Sic :* for *monachis.*

monasterii in huiusmodi rasuris / sed quod diligenciam debitam in rasura monachorum faciet.

Missa de beata virgine Marie[1] non cantatur tanto numero monachorum vt deberet . nam pro maiori parte non sunt presentes vltra duo aut tres monachi et tamen omnes deberent interesse scientes cantaure[2] / Eciam libri de missa beate virginis sunt lacerate fracte et obfuscate / incuria cantoris ad cuius officium spectat huiusmodi librorum reparacio et ligatura / Dominus iniunxit quod omnes monachi monasterii nedum scientes cantare sed eciam alii[3] quicumque intererunt in missa beate virginis / singulis diebus / exceptis tantummodo officiariis ad extra./

Fratres Robertus Bardenay et Ricardus Bardenay non surgunt ad matutinas . Non seruant se in locis claustralibus / sed plerumque illicenciati egrediuntur monasterium in villam de Bardenay , et eciam alias ceremonias et obseruancias sue religionis omittunt / et negligenter ac indeuote agunt /

Dominus iniunxit omnibus monachis monasterii quod deinceps ipsi omnes abstinebunt a familiaritate secularium et quod seruabunt se in locis claustralibus non egrediendo vllo pacto huiusmodi loca sine licencia, et quod non admittantur aliquas[4] mulieres ad loca claustralia vllo pacto / sed cum omni diligencia diuinis insistent.

Prouideatur ne deinceps concedantur aliqua corrodia absque maturo tractatu et evidenti vtilitate monasterii / et presertim eatenus quousque corrodia moderna extinguantur . Dominus strictius quo potuit iniunxit domino abbati quod ipse deinceps nullo modo concedat alicui aliqua corrodia et sic eciam omnibus monachis ibidem iniunxit.

Et deinde factis premissis iniunctionibus dominus ipsos in caritate cum Dei et sua benedictione dimisit et visitacionem suam ibidem dissoluit.

2

Bardeney

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE VENERIS XIJ^{mo} DIE MAIJ ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO CCCCC^{mo} XXV^{to} PER MAGISTRUM JOHANNEM REYNE CANCELLARIUM DOMINI JOHANNIS EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS.

Exhibito certificatorio in scriptis per abbatem et illo perlecto comparuerunt ibidem hij subscripti / Magister Bollam doctor theologie verbum Dei proposuit sub hoc themate Ecce nos relinquimus omnia et sequti sumus te[5] /

[1] *Sic.* [2] *Sic.* [3] *quibus* cancelled.
[4] *Sic* : for *alique.* [5] Matth. XIX, 27 : read *reliquimus.*

Dominus Willelmus Merton abbas[1]
Dominus Robertus Benytt prior
Frater Willelmus Sotherey *infirmus*
Frater Thomas Eley *infirmus*
Frater Robertus Bardeney
Frater Robertus Cambrige subprior
Frater Johannes Parteney *infirmus*
Frater Ricardus Frisby tercius prior
Frater Johannes Pomfret celerarius
Frater Petrus Barton sacrista
Frater Christoferus Kyrton subcelerarius
Frater Thomas Mawry refectorarius
Frater Otho Botulphe
Frater Robertus Aydayn
Frater Johannes Awsten
Frater Johannes Jerome
Frater Willelmus Gregory
Frater Johannes Ambrose.

Silencium non seruatur.

Dominus iniunxit omnibus monachis quod deinceps silencium obseruant.[2]

Et deinde dominus visitacionem suam huiusmodi dissoluit.[3]

IV

BICESTER PRIORY

1. A. fo. 118*d*.
2. L. fo. 147.

1

Burcestre

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM PER DOMINUM WILLELMUM ATWATER EPISCOPUM LINCOLNIENSEM PERSONALITER IN DOMO CAPITULARI XXV DIE APRILIS ANNO 1520.

Exhibito primitus per priorem certificatorio et illo de mandato

[1] A dot is placed before the names of those present at the visitation, with the exception of the abbot, the sub-cellarer, the four monks at the end of the list, and the three *infirmi*. The abbot was William Marton, the last abbot of the house. Of the others nine have surnames derived from places, of which five are local or not far distant fron Bardney. The habit, common at this period, of adopting, the names of saints at the time of profession is illustrated by the last seven names of which Mawry is probably Maur, Botolph and Aidan are names of English saints, while the remaining four are those of the Latin Fathers. On the pension list in 1539 appear the names of the abbot (W. Marten), Pomfret, Cambridge, Barton, Frisby (Furresbye), Kyrton, T. 'Mower' and 'Ottom Buttall'. Benytt, Sotherey, Eley, Pardeney and Parteney have disappeared. Of the seven remaining names on the pension list, none can be identified certainly with any of the five remaining here. [2] *Sic :* for *obseruent.* [3] Fo. 5*d* is blank.

domini publice perlecto ex scriptis / dominus episcopus quamdam exhortationem saluberimam priori et canonicis fecit in vulgari /

Habent ecclesias de Missenden parua . Burcester } Stretton Awdeley. Ardington Sarisbiriensis diocesis.[1]

Fratres raro sedent in refectorio tempore estiuali / hiemali tempore ibidem *non* sedent et cum sint in refectorio vescuntur ibidem continue carnibus / nisi diebus jeiunis / nec habent ibidem omnino lecturas sacre scripture / Dominus iniunxit quod deinceps fratres sederent in refectorio cum silencio et aliquali abstinencia ab esu carnium.

Dominus Willelmus Dodwell inseruit cure apud Stretton Awdeley et dominus Willelmus Billington canonici ibidem inseruit cure apud Burcester / et remanent in claustro dumtaxat vij canonici . Dominus iniunxit quod deinceps illi canonici non inseruient cure sed deseruient in monasterio quousque dominus prior exhibuerit[2] graciam cuius pretextu potest fratres suos emittere ad curas.

Johannes Coventre prior
Dominus Galfridus Sath subprior
Dominus Willelmus Doddewell
Frater Willelmus Billington
Frater Johannes Glocester
Frater Johannes Myddilton
Frater Thomas Bissetur
Frater Radulphus Hathorne
Frater Robertus Bighulnell

Non est ibidem aliquis instructor nouiciorum in regula nec in sciencia primitiua . Dominus iniunxit quod esset ibidem aliquis instructor et ad hoc deputauit dominum Johannem Midleton.

Fratres monasterij presertim juniores non bene nouerunt instituta regule sancti Augustini neque substancialia religionis nec ceremonias eiusdem . Dominus iniunxit quod ipsi redderentur doctiores per instructorem.

Fratres juniores non bene sapiunt in sciencijs primitiuis vt pute[3] gramatica et lectura / Dominus iniunxit quod haberent instructorem qui eos doceret et doc[tos] efficeret.

Redditus illius monasterij extendunt secundum libros computi de annis preteritis ad cc . . .[4]

Et deinde dominus factis premissis iniunctionibus et aliquibus alijs exhortacionibus saluberimis visitacionem suam ibidem[5] dissoluit /

[1] Ardington, Berks., in the deanery of Abingdon.
[2] *a* cancelled.
[3] *Sic* : for *puta*.
[4] Supply *libras* or *marcas*.
[5] *dimisit* cancelled.

2

Byssettour prioratus[1]

VISITACIO DOMUS SIUE PRIORATUS DE BYSSETOUR XXIIJ° DIE MENSIS SEPTEMBRIS ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XXX^mo PER MAGISTRUM DOCTOREM R[AYNE] VICARIUM IN SPIRITUALIBUS GENERALEM.

Dominus Willelmus Browne prior[2] dicit quod claustrum et nauis ecclesie et cetere domus monasterij grauem paciuntur ruinam precipue in coopertura . Consuerunt habere decem confratres in numero et iam habent tantum octo preter priorem quorum duo sunt [nouicij].

Ne concedatur corrodium ad terminum alicuius vite.

Dominus Johannes Myddilton subprior[3] dicit quod firma de . . . . . maximam patitur ruinam quasi ad terram in defectu magistri Meryng[4] firmarij eiusdem , qui per indenturam tenetur sufficienter reparare [eam .] Et quod dominus Bignell[5] canonicus consilium dedit[6] Johanni Wheler nouicio *quod* resederet[7] a monasterio et habitu et predictus nouicius recessit ab habitu.

Numerus canonicorum diminuitur per mortem sudoris[8] et iam tantum sunt nouem cum priore quorum duo sunt nouicij.

[fo. 147*d*.]

Dominus Radulphus Latham[9] dicit quod omnia infra monasterium ordinantur[10] preterquam numerus diminuitur ut supra.

Dominus Johannes Chester[11] dicit quod omnia bene.

Dominus Robertus Cauersfeld[12] dicit quod omnes sunt obedientes et corrigibiles . Paucas aut nullas habent oues quia moriuntur et prior intendit emere ad posse.

Dominus Jacobus Burscoowe[13] dicit quod non habent perfectum numerum canonicorum . Vna pars claustri non edificatur.

Johannes Wheler nouicius dicit quod dominus Bignell canonicus

[1] *Jesus* written at head of leaf.
[2] Prior in 1535 (*VE* ii, 190) and at the dissolution (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIII (i), p. 576.
[3] Subprior in the 1535 list, *ut sup.*
[4] *Meringe* in later hand in margin.
[5] *Sic.* Bignell appeared as Bighulnell in the list at Atwater's visitation.
[6] *quod recederet* cancelled.
[7] *Sic.*
[8] The sweating sickness. Of the eight canons, apart from the prior, in 1520 only two appear to have survived ten years later.
[9] In 1535 list.
[10] I.e. are in good order.
[11] In 1535 list.
[12] Cav[erfeld] in 1535 list.
[13] Both this canon and Ralph Latham bear names from the same district of Lancashire. They may have been canons of the priory at Burscough sent to supply deficiencies at Bicester ; but there seems to have been no special connection between the two monasteries which would account for this. In the 1535 list as printed Burscoowe, however, appears as Brystowe.

ipsi[1] consilium dedit quod recederet ab habitu et sic ipsius consilio recessit et iam iterum ad monasterium redijt.

Johannes Westbury nouicius dicit quod omnia bene.

[fo. 148.]

Dominus Robertus Bignell[2] canonicus sacerdos dicit quod non dedit consilium nouicio vt supra quod recederet.[3]

V

BOURNE ABBEY

1. A. fo. 47
2. L. fo. 10.

1

Brune Monasterium

VISITATIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM PER DOMINUM WILLELMUM ATWATER EPISCOPUM LINCOLNIENSEM PERSONALITER IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE LUNE XXVIJ^{mo} DIE JUNII ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XIX^{no} ANNO CONSECRACIONIS IPSIUS DOMINI EPISCOPI QUINTO.

Fratres non commedunt in refectorio sed omnes canonici sedent in camera domini abbatis ad mensam diebus singulis / Dominus iniunxit domino abbati quod ipse prouidebit quamcito poterit quod aliqui ex canonicis poterunt aliquibus diebus commedere in refectorio.

Solebant ex consuetudine monasterii seniores exequi in missis et aliis diuinis singulis diebus dominicis et tunc per totam septimanam juniores exequerentur in huiusmodi diunis / Et iam dominus abbas modernus facit seniores et juniores[4] exequi cursorie et seriatim[5] / Dominus episcopus cum huiusmodi reformacione abbatis bene contentabatur et voluit quod deinceps idem obseruabitur.

Dominus abbas non prouidit pro fratribus infirmis aliter quam pro conualescentibus . Petitur igitur vt vltra consuetam porcionem prouideatur pro eisdem iuxta regulam sancti Augustini . Dominus iniunxit abbati quod deinceps omnia necessaria preparabuntur pro infirmis et honeste domus preparabuntur pro eisdem.

Dominus abbas non reddit computum anuatim. Dominus iniunxit sibi quod ipse deinceps annuatim reddet computum administrationis sue coram senioribus fratribus suis /

[1] Interlined above *ipsum consului* cancelled. [2] In 1535 list.

[3] Fo. 148*d* is blank. Five names occur at the end of the 1535 list which are not here : none of them, however, are those of the two novices named at this visitation.

[4] *equ* cancelled.

[5] By course and in order, thus dividing the duty of officiating in choir among the canons equally.

Juniores canonici non sunt obedientes suis senioribus vt deberent nec prestant eisdem reuerencias et honores . Inclinationes in ecclesia temporibus diuinorum et alie ceremonie non debite obseruantur . Dominus stricte iniunxit omnibus canioncis quod ipsorum singuli iuxta regulam sancti Augustini obediens erit[1] senioribus suis et eisdem reuerencias et honores debitos prestabit.[2]

Et sic istis iniunctionis[3] sic datis dominus omnes illius domus canonicos in charitate et quiete reperiens eosdem sic dimisit et visitacionem suam ibidem dissoluit cum sua benedictione/

2

Burne monasterium

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM IN DOMO CAPITULARI DIE VENERIS XIX^no^ DIE MENSIS MAIJ ANNO DOMINI 1525to PER MAGISTRUM JOHANNEM REYNE CANCELLARIUM DOMINI JOHANNIS EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS.

Exhibito primitus certificatorio per abbatem in scriptis sub sigillo communi ipsius domus comparuerunt hij omnes sequentes videlicet :

Dominus Johannes Small abbas[4]
Dominus Thomas[5] Barne prior
Dominus Robertus Hakesey subprior
Dominus Henricus Alton[6]
Dominus Johannes Todd capellanus
Dominus Thomas Pounfrett cantor
Dominus Jacobus Aslakeby sacrista
Dominus Edwardus Bedford
Dominus Robertus Baston
Dominus Willelmus Morton
Dominus Robertus Hibaldestow

Abbas . Laici aliquando ingrediuntur dormitorium vt puta scissores et sutores et alij cum indumentis canonicorum[7] /

Domini Henricus Alton et Johannes Todd pernoctant in hostillaria et non in dormitorio et ibidem ipsi cum alijs bibunt iocundantur et confabulantur mane et sero/

[1] *Sic :* for *erunt.* [2] *Sic :* for *prestabunt.*
[3] *Sic :* for *iniunccionibus.*
[4] All names dotted except the last three. Surnames from the neighbourhood are Aslakeby, Baston and Morton. Hakesey (Haxey) and Hibaldestow is from north Lincolnshire. Small was abbot at the dissolution of the monastery (*L. & P.H. VIII,* XIII (i), p. 575).
[5] *prior* cancelled. [6] Called Halton below.
[7] I.e. bringing with them things for the canons' wear.

Dominus Robertus Baston est[1] disobediens et verbosus contra abbatem et profert sibi verba contumeliosa . Huiusmodi eciam condicionis est dominus Thomas Pounfrett/

Silencium non seruatur . Canonici discendunt a dormitorio statim postquam illud ingressi sunt ad bibendum et jocandum./

Prior . Abbas nunquam reddidit compotum ex quo fuit abbas.

Redditus aliqui pertinentes monasterio amittuntur negligencia abbatis . Laici intrant dormitorium vt supra . Canonici non sedent in dormitorio[2] nisi in tempore quadragesimali.

Halton . Petit quod[3] assignetur sibi camera quedam vbi potest commode iacere et habere ignem in senectute sua.

Todd . Abbas est ita remissus in defendendo iura monasterij adeo quod quandoque amittuntur redditus et iura monasterij illius negligencia/

Pomfrett . Abbas nunquam reddidit compotum ex quo fuit primus[4] abbas saltem de noticia huius[5] . Numerus canonicorum est aliqualiter diminutus / Fratres non sedent in refectoris.

[fo. 10*d*.]

Aslakeby . Aliquando vt pute[6] semel in septimana omnes canonici ex licencia discendunt a dormitorio et insimul bibunt.

Haxhey . Canonici non surgunt ad matutinas tempore nocturno / Canonici discedunt[7] a dormitorio post completorium et bibunt ac eciam in pomerium ambulant , nec cito redeunt sed aliquamdiu diu[8] absunt a dormitorio antequam reuertuntur/

Halton et Todd non intendunt officijs diuinis et cum sint in ecclesia[9] deambulant in naui ecclesie . Non psallunt neque legunt nec iacent in dormitorio eciam temporibus convalescentie sue / Prior pluries abest a matutinis eo quod nimis sero post completorium bibit/

Halton / Todd / et Pomfrett non sunt obedientes presidentibus religionis ibidem . Canonici non habent iantacula.[10]

Bedd'[11] . Non est bene prouisum pro infirmis . Canonici ignarunt[12] compotum domini Henrici Halton / Canonici post completorium discedunt[13] et bibunt aliquando per horam aliquando plus aliquando minus.

Baston . Dominus abbas non est diligens in defendendo iura monasterij sed est ita remissus quod aliquando iura illius monasterij amittuntur.

[1] *Abbas* cancelled.
[2] *Sic :* for *refectorio*.
[3] *ipse* cancelled.
[4] *Sic :* presumably for *primo*.
[5] Sc. *deponentis*.
[6] *Sic :* for *puta*.
[7] *Sic :* for *descendunt*.
[8] *Sic*.
[9] *p* left uncancelled.
[10] I.e. allowances of food in the course of the morning.
[11] I.e. Bedford.
[12] *Sic :* for *ignorant*.
[13] See note 7 above.

Morton . Non est bene prouisum pro infirmis / Non est instructor aliquis pro nouicijs.

Hibaldstowe . Non est prouisum bene pro infirmis / Petitur vt augeatur numus[1] canonicorum.

INIUNCTIONES.

Dominus iniunxit omnibus canonicis quod non permittant aliquem seclarem intrare in dormitorium nisi communem seruientem eiusdem conuentus.

Dominus iniunxit Todd et Halton quod abstineant a potacionibus etc . et quod pernoctarent in cameras[2] assignatas per abbatem et quod temporibus quibus convalescunt et commode poterunt[3] pernoctent in dormitorium.

[fo. 11.]

Dominus iniunxit canonicis quod silencium seruabunt et quod non discedat[4] eorum aliquis a dormitorio post completorium nisi fortassis raro et tunc de licencia et quod omnes *convalescentes* surgent ad matutinas.

Item iniunxit Halton et Todd quod ipsi temporibus diuinorum sedeant in choro dicendo seruicia diuina / ita quod non perambulent in naui ecclesie.

Item quod canonici tempore lez Synys[5] exeant et deambulent in campos et quod simul exeant et simul reuertantur ante tempus vesperarum.

Item iniunxit abbati quod ipse ita prouidebit pro infirmis quod ipsi omnes poterunt[6] habere esculenta salubria et custodes conuenientes/

Item iniunxit abbati quod ipse citra festum Purificacionis beate Marie proximum compotum reddet administracionis sue pro hoc anno et quolibet anno sequente ita faciet/

Item quod ipse *abbas* faciat diligenciam suam pro iuribus monasterij defendendis,

Item iniunxit abbati quod ipse augmentabit numerum canonicorum quamcito poterit / et quod prouidebit instructorem pro gramatica docenda canonicis iuuenibus.

Quibus iniunctionibus sic factis dominus visitacionem suam dissoluit et ipsos omnes in pace dimisit.

[1] *Sic :* for *numerus.* [2] *pernoctatas* cancelled.
[3] *poterunt* appears to be cancelled in error.
[4] *Sic.* The scribe, however, by this time seems to have settled upon *discedat* as the verb which he wanted.
[5] Seynies are the periods at which religious persons were bled for their health during the year, followed by a few days of convalescent relaxation. Seyny = Fr. *saignée,* Lat. *sanguinata.* See glossary in *Vis. of Religious Houses* (Lincoln Record Soc.) I, 237. [6] *heret* cancelled.

VI

BROKE PRIORY

A. fo. 141*d.*[1]

In Dei nomine amen . Nos Thomas Swayn in sacra theologia bacallarius reuerendi in Christo patris et domini domini Willelmi Dei gracia Lincolniensis commissarium[2] ad infrascripta legitime deputatum *omnes canonicos huius domus siue prioratus*[3] de Broke ad hos diem et locum visitacionem ordinariam dicti reuerendi patris subituros citatos et preconisatos et non comparentes eos per[4] contumaciam absentes reputamus et pronunciamus contumaces et[5] penam[6] suarum contumaciarum dicto reuerendo patri reseruamus.

Latum erat hoc decretum xvij Julij anno Domini 1518mo per magistrum Thomam Swayn et priore ibidem presente dictus magister Swayn continuauit huiusmodi visitacionem vsque ad et in crastinum diem iuridicum post festum sancti Johannis Baptiste proximum et quemlibet diem citra / Dominus prior tempore huiusmodi inchoate visitacionis exhibuit certificatorium commissionis pro huiusmodi visitacione sibi directe et titulum incumbencie sue saluis sibi priuilegijs suis et monasterio de Kenelwourth magistris Johanne Silvester et Johanne Pallesgraue testibus etc. E. W.

VII

BURNHAM ABBEY

1. A. fo. 42*d.*
2. L. fo. 131.
3. L. fo. 66.

1

Burneham

VISITACIO MONASTERII IBIDEM FACTA PER DOMINUM W. LINCOLNIENSEM EPISCOPUM PERSONALITER IN DOMO CAPITULARI XXVJto DIE MAII ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO[7] XIX .

Habent ecclesias[8] de Burneham et ecclesiam de Dorney / et capellam de Cippenham.[9]

[1] This note of the visitation of a small priory in Rutland dependent on the abbey of Austin canons at Kenilworth in Warwickshire, was written the wrong way up on the back of the leaf. At the end is the notarial signature of Edward Watson.

[2] *Sic : episcopi* omitted and *commissarium deputatum* in wrong case.

[3] Interlined above *te dominos Willelmum Vnwin* and *Vnwyn priorem* cancelled.

[4] *abs* cancelled. [5] *in* cancelled. [6] *suad* cancelled.

[7] *xv* cancelled. [8] *Sic :* for *ecclesiam.*

[9] Cippenham in the parish of Burnham, called Chipynghame in *VE IV*, 221. The manor was granted to Burnham in Richard, earl of Cornwall's, charter of foundation, 18 April 1266 (*Monasticon* VI (i), 546). For the chapel see *VCH Bucks.* III, 183 *: ibid.* I, 287, it is stated to be in the parish of Weston Turville, which is an obvious, but inexplicable error.

Prouideatur ne fiat accessus secularium siue communis pertransitus in chorum monialium / et quod infantes siue parui[1] non pernoctent in[2] dormitorio monalium . Et quod cum aduenerint monasterium mercatores anglice pedlers ne permittantur facere opellas[3] neque mercimonia sua infra claustrum.

Prouideatur ne moniales vtantur zonis aut precticis[4] argenteis aut deauratis / neque annulis argenteis nisi illis dumtaxat annulis in quibus sunt professe.

Subtrahitur pensio annualis x li. a monialibus . Petunt quod poterunt restitui eisdem ipsarum pensiones annue.

Domina Johanna Twyford[5] precentrix que factura est prouisiones pro vestimentis et calciamentis monialium non est indifferens apud omnes sorores / neque parata dare eis vestimenta cum indiguerint / sed seipsam melioribus alias vero sorores peioribus induit vestimentis / Et plerumque cum sorores sua petant ab ipsa vestimenta calciamenta / seu alia necessaria / ipsa refutat eis huiusmodi dare / et easdem aliquando increpat et reprobat atque redarguit pro excessu et vastu etc./

2

Burneham

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE LUNE IIIJ DIE NOUEMBRIS ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO CCCCC^{mo} XXJ^{mo} PER DOMINUM JOHANNEM EPISCOPUM LINCOLNIENSEM PERSONALITER.

Facto primitus certificatorio per dominam abbatissam, inscriptis ac omnibus monialibus subscriptis nominatim preconisatis et comparentibus dictus reuerendus pater verbum Dei tunc eisdem voce materna exposuit sequens hoc thema[6] . Deinde abbatissa exhibuit titulum incumbencie sue atque bullam quamdam . . . . p[ape][7] Vrbani super confirmacione appropriacionis ecclesie de Dorney eidem monasterio[8] atque eciam fundacionem duarum cantariarum, vnius videlicet in ecclesia parrochiali de St[oke][9] et alterius in ecclesia de Burneham, necnon confirmaciones diuersarum libertatum et aliorum jurium eiusdem monasterij domini nostri regis.

[1] Probably *pueri* (children of both sexes) is meant.
[2] *claustro* cancelled. [3] Shops. [4] *Sic :* ? for *preculis*.
[5] *habens* cancelled. Joan Twyford is named as chamberlain in 1521 : see below.
[6] The text is not given. The sermon was in the mother tongue (*materna voce*).
[7] *A'* cancelled.
[8] This confirmation by pope Urban (apparently Urban VI) is mentioned in a royal confirmation of the appropriation, 22 Sept., 1401 (*Cal. Pat. Rolls* 1399–1401, p. 544). The original licence for appropriation was granted 11 Dec., 1337 (*ibid.* 1334–1338, p. 570), but no presentation to the vicarage was made until temp. Rich. II and in 1396 it was claimed that presentation to the rectory had lapsed to the apostolic see (*Cal. Papal Lett.* IV, 529).
[9] Stoke Poges. These charities, with one at Thames Ditton, are noted *VE* IV, 221.

Domina Mergareta Gybson abbatissa[1]
Domina Alianora Tame priorissa
Domina Johanna Twyford cameraria
Domina Johanna Rynger
Domina Anna Belfeld[2]
Domina Alicia Collys[3]
Domina Anna Nores[4]
Domina Elisabeth Wodford
Domina Mergareta Brown
Domina Mergareta Moosse[5]
Lucia Paget .[6] soror
Brigitta Wodward soror

Domina Anna Belfeld murmurat aliqualiter propter hoc quod hijs diebus modernis non habent stipendium limitatum vti antehac habuerunt sed omnia in communi[7] . Est eciam ipsa domina Anna aliqualiter inobediens et elata / Dominus iniunxit quod huiusmodi murmuraciones cessabunt et obediens ammodo erit.

Priorissa examinata dixit quod domina Anna Belfeld murmurat aliqualiter pro eo quod iam habent omnia in communi et non stipendium priuatum.

Moniales iam[8] dormiunt due simul in eodem lecto quo vsque dormitorium reparetur et preparetur . Dominus iniunxit quod amodo iaceant [nullo modo] simul sed in lectis separatis.

Domina Johanna Twyford examinata dicit quod moniales hijs diebus non surgunt ad matutinas horis consuetis , nam singulis quindenis veniunt ad monasterium fratres aliqui de . . . mon . . .[9] et ipsorum hortatione domina abbatissa facit moniales surgere ad matutinas hora prima et aliquando [ad] horam mediam noctis vbi prius surgebant ad matutinas ad mediam noctis , et statim post matutinas moniales quedam moniales[10] accedunt ad cameram abbatisse et diutius exspectant et non egrediuntur , et ingrediuntur omnes moniales simul a dormitorio ad matutinas et in dormitorium post matutinas vt deberent per regulam religionis . . . . . silencium non obseruatur ibidem . Dominus iniunxit quod abbatissa faciat hoc [obseruari].

[1] Of the twelve persons named here, the last eight appear on the list (1539) of nuns pensioned after the dissolution. By that time Alice Baldwyne had succeeded Margaret Gybson as abbess, and only one other new name appears (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIV (ii), no. 196).

[2] *Benefilde* in 1539. [3] *Celles* in 1539. [4] Noris in 1539.

[5] *Mosse* in 1539. [6] Pachett in 1539.

[7] In 1519 the nuns had petitioned for the restitution of their annual private stipends in lieu of the sum of £10 which had been appropriated to the common fund.

[8] *dormient* cancelled.

[9] It is not quite clear whether friars are meant or merely ' brethren ' from some neighbouring monastery, e.g. Medmenham. There were no friaries in the immediate neighbourhood of Burnham.

[10] *Sic* : repeated.

[fo. 131*d*.]

Petitur eciam quod finitis diuinis officijs moniales poterint *statim* habere prandium et quod eciam habeant jantacula anglice breakfastes[1] , et eciam quod post vltimam[2] pulsationem ad officia diuina moniales seruent silencium quousque finiantur huiusmodi officia diuina . Dominus iniunxit Abbatisse quod hec faciat obseruari.

Abbatissa ex regula religionis deberet iacere in dormitorio et commedere in refectorio cum monialibus : hoc tamen non facit abbatissa moderna sed iacet in camera sua et habet secum in lecto aliam monialem et commedit in camera sua . Dominus iniunxit abbatisse quod ipsa aliquando commedat in refectorio et quod deincips non habeat secum aliquam in lecto.

Nonnulli pueri[3] videlicet Mergareta Rest Wold[4] Anna Bogar Michaell Bouington et Mergareta[5] sunt in monasterio et nichil soluunt pro[6] communis suis ibidem in detrimentum monasterij . Est eciam ibidem quedam Katerina / Dominus iniunxit quod abbatissa hoc faciat emendari.

Abbatissa non facit compotum semel in anno et si quem talem compotum fecerit ille compotus non declaratur monialibus , quo fit quod moniales non sunt certe de statu domus . Dominus iniunxit abbatisse quod deinceps singulis annis faciat compotum.

Camera[7] et alie officiarie non reddiderunt compotum ad[8] . Dominus iniunxit quod deinceps faciant compotos.

Petitur quod assignetur communis minister seu seruiens qui ad mandatum officiariarum transeat ad emendum necessaria pro eisdem et quod talis seruiens sustentetur sumptibus monasterij et quod non recipiatur aliqua in monialem nisi de consensu omnium ; monialium vel saltem maioris partis earundem . et quod ille que in moniales recipiuntur sint docte et informate in lectura et cantu antequam admittantur . Iniunctum est abbatisse quod hoc faciet reformari.

Priorissa non est omnino diligens et parata ad imponendum et faciendum correcciones in capitulo . Dominus iniunxit priorisse quod deinceps sit diligens in correctionibus.

Domina Anna Belfeld non contentatur cum hoc quod iam habent omnia in communi in monasterio.[9]

Deberet distribui ibidem singulis diebus pro anima fundatoris cuidam pauperi dimidium lagene seruice[10] et vnum panem[11] precij[12]

[1] See p. 84 above, note 10.
[2] *po* cancelled.
[3] Children of both sexes.
[4] *Sic.*
[5] Surname omitted.
[6] *stipendiis* cancelled.
[7] *Sic :* for *cameraria.*
[8] *Sic :* probably *ad* was intended to begin *administracionum suarum* and was left uncancelled.
[9] Repeated from above.
[10] *Sic :* for *cervisie.*
[11] *s* cancelled.
[12] *Sic :* for *ponderis.*

trium librarum et pauper ille deberet audire[1] ibidem illo die que[2] elemosinam ipsam [recipit] et orare pro anima fundatoris . Obseruatur.[3]

Domina Johanna Ringer dicit omnia bene.

[fo. 132.]

Domina Anna Bellefeld examinata petit . . . . . siue statutis illius monasterij.

Petit eciam quod potest habere duplicem vesturam in custodia sua.

[4] Moniales ignorant statum monasterij quod non redditur ibidem aliquis compotus per abb[atissam] saltem coram monialibus.

Domina abbatissa non habet se indifferentem apud omnes moniales quod quasdam . . . et maiore amore prosequitur quam alias, videlicet dominam Elisabeth Woodford dominam [Margaretam] Moosse et Luciam Pagett . Iniunctum est abbatisse quod abbatissa sit sin . . .[5]

Sunt in monasterio alique moniales que nesciunt legere et cantare.

Domina Alicia Collis dicit quod domine Elisabeth Wodford Margareta M[oosse] et Lucia Pagett non transeunt in dormitorium statim post matutinas [sed diucius] exspectant et ita dicit Anna Nores . Ita dicit Mergareta Browne.

Petit eciam ne fratres ita communiter accedant ad monasterium et quod ille[6] fratres non intromi[ttant] cum regulis religionis ibidem.

Abbatissa non reddet[7] compotum annuatim saltem certum fratribus.[8]

Domina Elsabeth Wodford conqueritur quod mulieres seculares accedunt ad monasterium et confabulantur ibidem cum monialibus et moniales confabulantur cum illis quod non est dec[ens].

Domine Anna Belfeld . Mergareta Brown et Alicia Nores non commedunt [in] refectorio sed plerumque habent refectiones suas in cameras suas . Dominus iniunxit quod decetero hoc emmendetur.

Domina Johanna Twiford janitrix permittit laicas mulieres plerumque intrare in claustrum cum non sit opus.

[fo. 132*d*.]

. . . . . .[9] pernoctant . Dominus iniunxit quod deinceps non iaceant aliqui pueri infra dormitorium.

[1] Sc. *missam*.
[2] *Sic :* for *quo*.
[3] Possibly *obligatur* was meant, as there is no distinction between *obseruatur* and the rest of the sentence. But there is no need for *obligatur* and *obseruatur* was probably added as a note to show that the custom was continued.
[4] *No*[*ta*] against this and the next two paragraphs in the margin.
[5] *sine acceptione personorum* is the phrase wanted.
[6] *Sic :* for *illi*.
[7] *Sic :* for *reddit*.
[8] *Sic :* for *sororibus suis*.
[9] Supply *Pueri quidam in dormitorio*.

Silencium non seruatur nisi in claustro.

Domina Mergareta Moosse dicit quod silencium non bene seruatur.

Domina Anna Bellefeld est aliqualiter disobediens.

Et deinde factis illis iniunctionibus dominus visitationem suam ibidem continuauit vsque festum Natalis domini proximum et quemlibet diem iuridicum citra.

L. fo. 66.

3

Burneham monasterium

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE MERCURIJ XIJmo VIDELICET DIE OCTOBRIS ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XXXmo PER MAGISTRUM DOCTOREM MORGAN COMMISSARIUM.

Facto certificatorio per abbatissam sine scriptis ac facta exhortacione salubri per magistrum Coren[1] declaratisque articulis visitacionis per dominum commissarium comparuerunt ibidem omnes moniales subscripte videlicet.

Domina Margareta Gibson abbatissa
Domina Jana Twyford cantarista
Domina Anna Belfeld subcantarista
Domina Alicia Sellys[2]
Domina Anna Norres
Domina Elisabet Wodeford
Domina Margareta Browne
Domina Margareta Mosse
Domina Brigitta Wodward
Domina Lucia Patchet

Quibus sic comparentibus , visis quibusdam munimentis per abbatissam exhibitis dominus ad examinacionem earundem processit et ipsas omnes examinauit que detegerunt vt sequitur.

Abbatissa . Dicit omnia bene.

Jana Twyfford . Dicit quod non habent priorissam : tamen d[icit quod] . . . .[3] exequitur officium priorisse *set* non cum ta . . . .

[fo. 66d.]

Belfeld . Domina Anna Belfeld dicit quod non habent priorissam.

[1] Richard Coren (Curwen) at this date held the preb. of All Saints Thorngate in Lincoln. In April, 1531, he obtained Welton Painshall preb., which he quitted for Cropredy preb. 1 Oct., 1537 (Le Neve II, 141, 224, 231). He became archdeacon of Oxford in Jan., 1534–35, and died in Feb., 1542–43 (*ibid.* II, 67). He also held the preb, of Beaminster prima in Salisbury from 9 June, 1533 (Jones, *Fasti Eccl. Sar.*, p. 357, who calls him 'Corey'; *VE* II, 77, has rightly 'Coren'), and was prebendary of St. Stephen's altar in Beverley in 1535 (*VE* V, 131 : 'Conon').

[2] Called Collys in 1521, Celles in 1539.

[3] Probably *ipsa*.

Alicia Sellys . Dicit quod deberent esse in monasterio priorissa et subpriorissa et iam non habent , quia priorissa et subpriorissa solebant regere domum in absentia et tempore infirmitatis dicte abbatisse.

Anna Norres . Dicit quod non habent priorissam et cetera bene.

Elizabet Wodford . Dicit quod non habent *certum* numerum monialium ex fundacione et nisi secundum facultates domus[1] et dicit quod bene possent hic sustentari xij^{cem} moniales.

Margareta Browne . Dicit quod non habent priorissam.

Margareta Mosse . Dicit quod aliquando extranee mulieres et masculi aliquando[2] *veniunt in claustrum* et nichil bene faciunt set pocius contrarium communicantes [de re]bus mundanis : ideo petit hoc[3] reformari et [dicit quod] non habent priorissam neque subpriorissam et . . . . [c]etera bene.

[fo. 67.]

Brigitta Wodward . Dicit quod non habent priorissam.

Patchett . Dicit omnia bene.

Qua examinacione sic facta dominus commissarius dissoluit hanc visitacionem salua potestate *domino episcopo* faciendi iniunctiones concernentes detecta in dicta visitacione s[icut] ei placuerit etc.[4]

VIII

BUSHMEAD PRIORY

L. fo. 39.[5]

Busshemeade

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM VJ^{to} DIE MAIJ ANNO DOMINI M^{o} CCCCC^{mo} XXX^{mo} PER DOMINUM CANCELLARIUM.

[Lecto prim]itus certificatorio per priorem viue vocis oraculo [ac omnibus] canonicis subscriptis personaliter ibidem comparentibus dominus cancellarius visitacionem suam ibidem[6] inchoauit ac articulos huiusmodi visitacionis cum exhortacione salubri tunc ibidem eisdem exposuit.

Dominus Nicholaus Smyth
Dominus Radulphus Burlond
Dominus Robertus Boro
Dominus Ricardus Nicolis
Dominus Rogerus Tommys

[1] I.e. only so many as the resources of the house allow.
[2] *Sic :* repeated. [3] *h* cancelled.
[4] Fo. 67*d* is blank. [5] Ff. 38, 38*d* are blank. [6] *dissoluit* cancelled.

Nicholaus Smyth . Dicit omnia bene.

Robertus Berlond . Dicit omnia sunt perfecta.

Robertus Borow . Dicit omnia bene.

Tommys . Dicit omnia bene.

IX

CALDWELL PRIORY

1. A. fo. 147*d*.
2. L. fo. 41.
3. L. fo. 46.

1

Caldwell

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM PER DOMINUM WILLELMUM ATWATER LINCOLNIENSEM EPISCOPUM DIE JOUIS PENVLTIMO DIE APRILIS ANNO DOMINI 1518mo ET ANNO CONSECRACIONIS SUE QUARTO.

Iidem habent eis appropriatas / Ocley cum Clopham capella[1] Bromeham ecclesiam Roxton ecclesiam } Bedd' Massewourth Bucks[2] Ernesby Leic'.[3]

Frater Robertus Hag canonicus ibidem vagat per patrias asserens se habere capacitatem.[4]

Fratres prioratus cum sint recepturi correctionem deberent prostrati[5] jacere in domo capitulari : hoc tamen nunc dierum refutant subire / Dominus iniunxit priori quod ipse deinceps faceret hoc obseruari/

Fratres domus non sunt certiores de statu domus / ex hoc quod non redditur computus annuatim per priorem / neque publicatur ille computus fratribus domus . Dominus iniunxit priori quod ipse deinceps annuatim reddat computum suum auditori et eum declaret fratribus suis/

Fratres non sunt obedientes subpriori / neque habet ipse subprior aliquam preeminenciam racione officij sui / neque preponitur fratribus suis in honore . Dominus iniunxit fratribus quod ipsi deinceps exhibebunt subpriori honorem debitum.

[1] Clapham, though usually regarded as a separate parish church, was formerly a chapel dependent on the church of Oakley (*V.C.H. Beds.*, III, 131).

[2] Marsworth. [3] Arnesby.

[4] *Capacitas*, properly employed of the validation of a claim to property, here seems to imply no more than an ordinary licence.

[5] *de* cancelled.

Sacrista prioratus deberet ex redditibus officij sui exhibere clericum ad ministrandum presbitero et ad pulsandum , sed tamen hijs diebus huiusmodi clericus non exhibetur per sacristam / Dominus iniunxit quod deinceps exhibeatur talis clericus.

Idem sacrista exhiberet candelas temporibus matutinarum , sed tamen dominus subprior non habet candelas huiusmodi licet eas sepius requisierit / Dominus iniunxit priori et sacriste quod deinceps hoc emendetur/

Sacrista non debite exhibet luminaria in ecclesia *et tamen*[1] *conferuntur terre pro huiusmodi luminibus supportandis* . Dominus iniunxit sacriste quod ipse deinceps exhiberet huiusmodi luminaria et quod prior hoc videat perimpleri.

Deinde die Lune iij^{tio} die[2] Maij anno predicto dominus deputauit dominum Johannem Biguleswad[3] in celerarium et dominum Willelmum Leuester[4] in sacristam de consensu prioris et conuentus / Eciam de consensu eorum augmentauit stipendium subprioris per vj s. viij d. videlicet ad xl s. annuatim / et sic suam visitacionem ibidem dissoluit et procurationes suas racione eiusdem visitacionis sibi debitas eisdem remisit et perdonauit ; et hec die predicto in domo capitulari et pleno capitulo acta fuere.

[fo. 148.]

Iniunctiones priori et conuentui *de Caldewell* per reuerendum dominum episcopum post suam visitacionem factam diligenter et deuote obseruande.[5]

In primis[6] iniungimus quod diuinum seruicium diurnum pariter et nocturnum diligenter ac deuote obseruetur et quod fratres simul eant ad ecclesiam simulque recedant ab ea preter celerarium . qui[7] frequenter ob curas exteriores abesse oportet ; et qui tarde venit aut prius quam conuentus discedit a choro . Nisi causa racionabilis interuenerit[8] corripiatur.

Item quod exequie et missa de requie pro fundatoribus ac benefactoribus vestris sepius ac frequenter melius solito celebrentur.

Item quod capitulum vestrum quotidie custodiatur ita quod delinquentes aut in choro aut alibi videlicet pro silencij fractione ac pro alijs negligencijs illic[9] reformentur ac corrigantur , et hoc[10] prostrati coram presidenti iaceant ; et tibi priori iniungimus vt[11] fiat hostium in introitu[12] domus vestre capitularis ne vos extranei inspiciant.

[1] *sunt* cancelled.
[2] *prox* cancelled. [3] Prior in 1530. [4] I.e. Leicester.
[5] These injunctions have no date and may have followed another visitation of the priory, as they seem to contain no direct reference to the *detecta* given above.
[6] *iniuximus* cancelled. [7] *Sic :* for *quem*.
[8] *casti* cancelled. [9] *cr* cancelled.
[10] *Sic*. [11] *fiant* cancelled. [12] *capituli vestri* cancelled.

Item quod fratres melius solito claustrum custodiant , illic recitantes ac prospicientes que ad diuinum cultum pertinent videlicet in lectionibus responsorijs ac alijs canticis repetendis , ne te[1] temere negligatur diuinum obsequium.

Item quod fratres non ocientur et maxime iuuenes sed bene informentur ac doceantur sua regula ac statuta Benedicti ; interdum / operi corporali sese gerant ita vt bene occupentur.

Item quod simul ad[2] refectorium conueniant tam ad prandium quam cenam ac biberium[3] , nec vnus post alium veniat aut recedat sed simul veniant ac simul recedant ac simul ad ecclesiam eant pro gracijs Deo agendis.

Item quod nullus fratrum[4] cibos aut escas lauciores alibi quam in refectorio paret , nec extraneos ac precipue mulieres non[5] introducat causa refectionis ad aliquam priuatam cameram nec eciam cognatos nisi de licencia prioris , et in hoc raritas attendatur ; plures namque videmus *hoc tempore* bona monasteriorum commedere quam[6] multa illis proferre.

Item quod post completorium nullus egrediatur loca extrinsica videlicet ad magnam curiam[7] ac ad alia loca officiosa preter celerarium , nisi interdum in estate , et hoc cum licencia presidentis , priuatos ortos ingrediantur ambulacionis causa , et in hoc raritas attendatur ; nec post completorium quisquis potet nisi causa infirmitatis aut laboris *vtilis* , et quod omnes et singuli fratres sint in dormitorio ante horam octauam vt maturius ac diligentius se disponant ad officium matutinum.[8]

Item quod post completorium nullis vtantur fratres ludis , sed vt predixeram aut interdum ambulent aut libris , et precipue iuvenes , incubant,[9] ac vtiliter omnes suum expendant tempus.

Item quod seniores cameras habentes nec bibant nec iaceant in eisdem in noctibus sed cubent in dormitorio cum alijs fratribus nisi sint infirmi : tunc cum licencia prioris in suis cubent cameris.

Item quod in ieme ac tempore brumali fratres communem cameram habeant pro igne ac simul calefaciant se per ignem ac simul potent , et non quisquis in propria camera ignem faciat separatim sed simul fratres in vno loco conveniant ad se per ignis beneficium reficiendos , prouiso quod non diu illic sedeant vana friuola[10] derisoria ac detractoria ociosaque[11] invtilia verba deuitando , sed omnia ac honesta et secundum ordinem fiant etc.

[1] *Sic :* left uncancelled. [2] *p* cancelled.
[3] Bevers. See *Vis. of Religious Houses*, I, 221 (glossary, s.v. Biberie).
[4] *preter in refectorio* cancelled. [5] *Sic.*
[6] *aliq* cancelled. [7] *coquinam* cancelled.
[8] The prescription of a definite hour for retiring to bed is unusual in injunctions.
[9] *Sic :* for *incumbant.* [10] *desa* cancelled.
[11] *In* cancelled.

2

Caldewell prioratus

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE MARTIS X^mo^ DIE MAIJ ANNO DOMINI MCCCCC^mo^ XXX^mo^ PER DOMINUM CANCELLARIUM.

[Lecto] certificatorio per priorem in scriptis sub sigillo officij sui cancellarius exposuit hijs subscriptis canonicis[1] ibidem personaliter com[parentibus] articulos visitacionis sue videlicet.

Dominus [Johannes] Bykleswade[2]
Dominus Thomas Killingwourth subprior
Dominus Willelmus Leicester
Dominus Willelmus Newport
Dominus Johannes Kempston
Dominus Ricardus Ryngsted
Dominus Willelmus Bedford
Willelmus Repton nouicius
Oliuerus London nouicius

Bikleswad . Dicit omnia bene vt ipse nouit.

Thomas Killingwourth . Dicit omnia bene et priorem satis bene negocia [tractare].

Leicester . Dicit omnia bene.

Newport . Dicit omnia bene.

Kempston . Dicit omnia bene.

Ryngsted . Dicit omnia bene et priorem [satis bene negocia tractare].

Beddford . Dicit omnia bene.

Repton . Dicit omnia bene.

London . Dicit omnia bene.

Qua quidem examinacione facta [dominus cancellarius] visitacionem suam [dissoluit].[3]

3

[4] Dominus Thomas Kelingworth . supprior dicit quod prior impignorauit omnia jocalia prioratus diuersis personis et iam vendidit Henrico Combes.

[1] *a* cancelled.
[2] Robert Hanslape, elected prior in 1509, resigned 1525 and was succeeded by John Biggleswade, who died in 1531.
[3] Fo. 41*d* is blank.
[4] The following depositions belong to an undated visitation of Caldwell, the earlier details of which have disappeared. It would seem to have taken place some time before the visitation of 1530, when the unsatisfactory conduct of the prior, as reported here, seems to have been amended.

Idem prior per viam mutui habet ex Edwardo Watson[1] , et a Stukeley xxv li. vel xxvj li.

Item vendidit boscos suos absque concilio canonicorum , et fratres timent ne vendantur nemora sua videlicet ther grove.

Dominus Willelmus Leycestre dicit quod prior modernus et adherentes sui conducebant mulierem ad confitendum adulterium inter istum[2] et mulierem et propterea eundem incarcerauit , pro eo et ex eo quod detexit quedam reformatione digna in prima visitacione reuerendi patris Lincolniensis episcopi moderni.

Dicit etiam quod prior exposuit centum libras circa eleccionem suam et pro sua promocione.

Et quod prior modernus ex causa mutui habuit a Roberto Stukeley xxv li. et ab Edwardo Watson xx li. et fecit eis obligacionem sub sigillo conuentuali , isto sponte non consenciente sed coacto.

Habuit ex mutuo etiam ex magistro Lane in comitatu Northampton x li.[3]

Vendidit Henrico Combes omnia iocalia prioratus et dedit eidem viginti nobilia.

Vendidit nemora monasterij absque consensu conuentus.

Ex displicentia prior remouit istum e[x] officio sacriste.

Jocalia alienata.

Oon salte / a standing cuppe gilte with a couer and ij. masers.

Consumit bona monasterij in superflua familia et hospita[litate] sumptuosa.

Comminatus est ei quod si detigeret[4] aliqua in visita[cione] vltima coram domino cancellario quod eidem . . . . .

Retulit ei quod Wynterburn famulus . . . . . eidem priori detecciones suas in vi[sitacione].

Dominus Willelmus Newporte dici[t quod prioratus grauatur ere] alieno et quod prior debet magistro [Edwardo Watson] xx li. et Henrico Combes viginti [nobilia] . . . . . nescit.

[fo. 46*d.*]

Dicit preterea quod prior vendidit nemora monasterij.

Lotrix et pedissequa morantur infra precinctum monasterij , et pedissequa est juuenis.

[1] The bishop's registrar.
[2] Sc. *deponentem.*
[3] The identity of master Lane is uncertain, but he was probably one of the Lanes of Orlingbury, possibly John Lane of Walgrave, second son of William Lane, and brother of Sir Ralph Lane of Orlingbury.
[4] *Sic.*

Dominus[1] Kempston dicit quod prior debet Doctori Wyttour[2] quam summam ignorat , Stukeley xx li. et Edwardo Watson xx li.

Henricus Combes perhendinauit infra prioratum per vnam partem anni et vltra (anno in quatuor partes diuiso).

Dominus Ricardus Ringstede nescit statum domus quia prior fecit compotum coram auditore , sed non ostendit illum compotum conuentui.

Dicit quod prior debet Stukeley de Bedford xxv li , et alijs oneratur ere alieno quos ignorat.

Dominus Willelmus Bedford dicit quod prior fecit Roberto Stukeley Doctori Wyttour et Edwardo Watson obligaciones sub sigillo conuentuali.

Et quod prior hoc anno non reddidit compotum coram conuentu.

Dicit itaque quod jocalia prioratus impignora*ban*tur tempore vltimi prioris abbatisse de Elenestowe , et iam Henricus Combes habet eadem.

[Et qui]a Dominus Willelmus Newporte sacrista confitebatur quod nescit construere oracionem dominicam , dominus remouit eum ab officio sacriste et tradidit claues sui officij custodie supprioris vsque ad aduentum prioris.

[Non] habent v[num] instructorem grammatices.

X

CANONS ASHBY PRIORY

1. A. fo. 130.
2. L. fo. 125.

1

Asheby canonicorum

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM IN DOMO CAPITULARI DIE LUNE XVIIJ^{uo} DIE JUNIJ ANNO DOMINI M^{mo} CCCCC^{mo} XX^{mo}, DE CONSENSU PRIORIS ET CONUENTUS IN ILLUM DIEM CONSENTIENCIUM DIEM ALIAS PREFIXUM PREUENIENDO , PER DOMINUM VICARIUM GENERALEM.

In primis oblato per priorem ibidem certificatorio in scriptis sigillato et illo perlecto [ac] omnibus canonicis subscriptis ibidem comparentibus excepto domino Roberto Erbys tunc egroto magister Johannes[3] exhortacionem et collacionem siue sermonem ibidem fecit in vulgari.

[1] Blank, sc. *Johannes*.

[2] Dr. Witter was rector of Aston Flamville, Leic., in 1535 (*VE* IV, 183). He was evidently identical with master William Wyttor, prebendary of Nassington in Lincoln 1519–1542 (*VE* IV, 21 ; Le Neve II, 193, where he is called Wittern), and with William Witter, rector of Blunham, Beds., in 1535 (*VE* IV, 197).

[3] Sc. Burges.

NOMINA FRATRUM.

Dominus Ricardus Randall prior.
Dominus Ricardus Collys subprior.
Dominus Robertus Erbys infirmus.
Dominus Johannes Hiett sacerdos.
Dominus Willelmus Antony sacerdos.
Dominus Johannes Tymmys sacerdos.
Dominus Thomas Mew sacerdos.
Dominus Robertus Goodman sacerdos.
Ricardus Rugge nouicius.
Johannes Tymmys nouicius.

Ypsi habent ecclesias de Culworth
de Esheby canonicorum
de Moerton[1]
de Thurlegh[2]
de Puddington[3]
capellam de Atteneston[4]
} et in redditibus circiter clx li.

Exhibuit prior titulum incumbencie sue ibidem . Exhibuit eciam munimenta vt possit deseruiri ecclesie de Morton Eshby et capelle de Atteneston per vnum ex canonicis illius domus amotiuum . Exhibuit eciam statum illius domus necnon appropriaciones ecclesiarum de Moreton[5] Culwourthe / Rely alias Thurley[6] / ecclesie de Eshby canonicorum , ecclesie de Puddingtona / et tenentur prior et conuentus singulis annis distribuere inter pauperes parrochianos apud Thurly[7] vnum quarterium frumenti et aliud quarterium ordei ex assignacione domini Roberti olim Lincolniensis episcopi.

Petitur quod prouideatur de instructore pro canonicis erudiendis in sciencijs primitiuis . Dominus dixit quod vnus ex fratribus suis videlicet dominus Robertus Godeman doceret alios in gramatica , et dixit prior quod voluit prouidere instructorem quamcicius commode poterit.

Fratres non sedent in refectorio sed in alia domo commedunt[8] neque seruant silencium temporibus refectionum et cum sedent extranei cum eisdem . Magister Burges hortatus est priorem quod ipse videat quod fratres sui amodo[9] sedeant in refectorio ad minus iij diebus in septimana ; quod dominus prior se facturam promisit.

Et deinde hijs gestis dictus magister Burges visitacionem huiusmodi[10] ibidem dissoluit.

[1] Moreton Pinkney.
[2] Thurleigh in Bedfordshire.
[3] Podington in Bedfordshire.
[4] Adstone, chapel to Canons Ashby.
[5] Beginning of a name cancelled.
[6] Rely is not an usual form of the name and is probably given here in error. Thurleigh is called Lega, i.e. Leigh, in *Vis. of Relig. Houses* II, 44.
[7] *iiij mo* cancelled.
[8] *nec habent lectiones* cancelled.
[9] *sedent* cancelled.
[10] *suam* begun, but altered to *huiusmodi*.

2

Asheby canonicorum

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE SABBATI XXV^to^ JUNIJ ANNO DOMINI M^o^ CCCCC^mo^ XXX^mo^ PER DOMINUM VICARIUM GENERALEM.

Prior exhibuit certificatorium sub sigillo officij sui , quo de mandato domini visitatoris perlecto ac omnibus canonicis subscriptis nominatim preconisatis et ibidem personaliter comparentibus nemine eorum absente / dictus dominus visitator articulos huiusmodi sue visitacionis tunc ibidem exposuit et causam aduentus sui ad domum illam declarauit / ac tunc deinde exhortacionem quand[am] salubrem partim in latino partim in vulgari eisdem fecit.

Dominus Ricardus Randall prior
Frater Ricardus Collys subprior[1]
Frater Johannes Brett sacerdos
Frater Willelmus Antony sacerdos
Frater Willelmus Tymmys sacerdos
Frater Thomas Mew sacerdos
Frater Robertus Gudman sacerdos
Frater Johannes Tymmys sacerdos
Frater Willelmus Crocke nouicius
Frater Johannes Burreley nouicius
Frater Ricardus Smyth nouicius
Frater Willelmus Bromeld nouicius

Qua quadem exhortacione finita dominus visitator ad examinacionem prioris et canonicorum predictorum processit qui examinati detegerunt vt sequitur.

Randall prior . Dicit quod omnes canonici sunt ibidem obedientes [sibi et religio]se et caritatiue viuentes et alia omnia . . . . . .

Collys subprior . Dicit omnia bene.

Brett[2] . Dicit quod Jud pincerna est seminator discord[ie] . . . . . et ipse eciam notatur cum Johanna Wright . . . . maker . . . . . monasterij manente in Morton.[3]

Antony . Dicit omnia bene/

Tymmys senior . Dicit omnia prospera fore.

Mewe . Dicit omnia recte peragi.

[1] Colles was prior at the dissolution (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIII (i), p. 575). Randall was still prior at the acknowledgment of the Royal Supremacy by the canons in 1534 (*ibid.* VII, no. 1121 (23), p. 440).
[2] *Nota* mark in margin. [3] Moreton Pinkney.

[fo. 125*d*.]

Gudman . Dicit singula in monasterio bene existere preterquam quod pincerna monasterij aliquando seminat discordias et verba dissencionis profert fratribus.

Tymmys junior . Dicit quod pincerna monasterij non est diligens minister in officio [suo] et ipse aliquando imposujt sall[1] in seruicia conuentus et eciam . . . . surripuit panem potum et caseum et confert quibusdam ad placitum suum , precipue vxori molendinarij / cum qua ipse notatur eo quod ipsa erat . . . [in] promptuario cum dicto pincerna minus tempestiue in hora iiij^{ta} ante [meridiem].

Croke . Dicit omnia bene.

Burley[2] . Dicit . . . . . quod Jud pincerna monasterij non prosequitur vxorem propriam debito amore sed notatur cum. quadam Johanna Wright maltster monasterij et eciam cum vxore. molendinarij.

[Smyth] . [Dicit omnia] bene.

[Qua quidem] examinacione facta die crastino tunc sequenti . . . . . [comparuit] personaliter Jud pincerna et . . . . . articulum . . . . . eciam iur' . . . . . aud pincerna et ipsa iurata . . . . . que dominus Judiuit ex relacione priori[s] . . . . . ex . . . . . fuisse . . . . . eorum vtrique iniunxit quod amodo . . . . . suos et quod non admittat s . . . . . et quod Jud honeste se gerat [erga fratres canonicos] illius prioratus.[3]

XI

CATESBY PRIORY

1. A. fo. 130*d*.
2. L. fo. 115.

1

Catesby alias Shopes prioratus

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI DIE MARTIS XIX^{no} DIE JUNIJ ANNO DOMINI M^{mo} CCCCC^{mo} XX^{mo} , DIE ALIAS PREFIXO PRO VISITACIONE IBIDEM DE CONSENSU PRIORISSE ET CONUENTUS PREUENTO , PER MAGISTRUM RICARDUM ROSTON DOMINI WILLELMI LINCOLNIENSIS EPISCOPI CANCELLARIUM , ASSISTENTE MAGISTRO JOHANNE BURGES IN THEOLOGIA BACALLARIO.

NOMINA MONIALIUM.

Domina Jocosa priorissa[4]

[1] *Sic :* for *sal* . *Nota* mark in margin. [2] *Nota* mark in margin.

[3] The passage is nearly illegible, but the sense is fairly clear. Ff. 126, 126*d* are blank.

[4] Joyce Byckeley, prioress at the dissolution (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIII (i), p. 576). High praise of her character is given by the commissioners in 1536 (*ibid.* X, no. 858, p. 354).

Domina Johanna Stichenayll subpriorissa

Domina Margeria Wigston

Domina Gracia Dunward sacrista

Domina Alicia Snow precentrix

Domina Avisia Bakpuys infirma

Domina Johanna Palmer subprecentrix

Domina Elisabeth Vaughan

Eedem habent

Ecclesiam parrochialem de Catesby North'
Esheby magna Leicester
Baseford ecclesiam in Archidiaconatu *Nott*'[1]
} ac in terris et redditibus circiter.[2]

In primis facto per dictam priorissam certificatorio viua voce ac lectis litteris mandatorijs dicti domini episcopi eidem priorisse pro huiusmodi visitacione directis , ac omnibus monialibus prenominatis (dicta subpriorissa tunc egrotante dumtaxat excepta) ibidem personaliter comparentibus / ac facto per dictum magistrum Johannem Burges sermone quodam in vulgari sequentem hoc thema Habemus thesaurum istum in vasis fictilibus[3] , domina priorissa exhibuit fundacionem domus sue in scriptis sub sigillo Roberti filij Phillippi fundatoris primi ibidem ac eciam confirmacionem regis Henrici de eadem fundacione[4] / necnon titulum[5] incumbencie sue in eadem in scriptis sub sigillo officij vicarij generalis domini Lincolniensis / atque bullam Innocencij quarti super priuilegijs illius domus et confirmacione ecclesiarum suarum ac presertim de non soluendo decimas de noualibus cum clausulis ibidem expressatis . Exhibuit eciam[6] librum de redditibus annuis illius domus / et de receptis per eandem necnon appropriationes ecclesiarum predictarum.[7]

Quoad statum domus dicunt moniales seniores quod monasterium illud non est aliquibus creditoribus indebitatum.

Et hijs gestis ac singulis monialibus ibidem separatim examinatis dominus vicarius generalis suam huiusmodi visitacionem ibidem dissoluit et hortatus est priorissam quod ipsa deinceps singulis annis faciet compotum sue administracionis[7] coram suis sororibus ; quod ipsa priorissa dixit se velle perimplere.

[1] Interlined above *North*'. cancelled.
[2] *Sic.*
[3] 2 Cor. iv, 7.
[4] The confirmation by Henry III (10 Dec. [*sic*], 1272) is printed ap. *Monasticon* IV, 637.
[5] *eiusdem* cancelled.
[6] *librorum* cancelled.
[7] *sue* cancelled.

2

Catesby prioratus

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE SABBATI x^mo DIE SEPTEMBRIS ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO xxx^mo PER DOMINUM CANCELLARIUM.

Visitatore in domo capitulari ibidem iudicialiter sedente priorissa exhibuit certificatorium in scriptis sub sigillo suo . Deinde preconisate fuerunt moniales subscripte videlicet.

Domina Jocosa Bykley
Domina Johanna Stichenall
Domina Alicia Snawe
Domina Johanna Palmer
Domina Elisabeth Vaghan
Domina Agnes Bykley
Domina Sibilla Hunte
Domina Alicia Croftes
Domina Cecilia Hyll
Domina Jocosa Bykley
Domina Margareta Kelk monialis de Nuncotton in hanc domum commorans.

Quibus omnibus ibidem comparentibus dominus visitator exhortationem quamdam fecit in vulgari ibidem et articulos huiusmodi visitacionis sue eisdem tunc declarauit et deinde ad examinacionem earundem processit : que singillatim examinate detegerunt vt sequitur.

Priorissa . Dicit quod dormitorium claustrum et domus capitularis [monasterij sunt] in decasu . Dicit tamen quod ipsa[1] . . . . . reparare . . . .

Stychynall . Dicit quod priorissa non reddidit compotum administracionis [sue].

Dicit eciam quod priorissa plures habet consanguineos [et quod monasterium] oneratur sumptibus[2] consanguineorum.

Priorissa nimium adherit[3] consilio Elisabeth Vaghan et [Agnetis] Bykley monialium.

Dicit eciam quod dormitorium claustrum pistrina domus capitularis molendinum et orreum monasterij sunt in decasu.

Non est consonum quod pueri ludent in claustro nec sedeant in choro , et tamen ita plerumque faciunt ; et sunt plures pueri in monasterio aliqui masculi et alie femine.

Domina Mergareta Kelk non est diligens circa diuina officia [nam neque] cantat nec legit in choro vt deberet.

[1] *cum ca* cancelled. [2] *s* cancelled. [3] *Sic :* for *adheret.*

Snawe . Dicit quod dormitorium claustrum domus capitularis et pistrina monasterij sunt[1] ruinosa.

Moniales[2] sedent in refectorio in quadragesima et in aduentu.

[Palmer . Dicit quod] juniores moniale[s] non sunt omnino concordantes . Credit [quod] domina Mergareta Kelk prebet occasionem huiusmodi discordie.

[Bykley . Dicit quod] omnia sunt bene.

[Vaghan .] Dicit quod domina Mergareta Kelk non est omnino obediens et aliquando prebet occasionem discordie , nec est diligens circa diuina [officia nec legit] et cantat vt deberet in choro . Ipsa eciam nocte quadam decessit a dormitorio in claustrum et in aulam ad [quendam] virum vt dicitur.

[fo. 116.]

Hunt . Dicit quod Mergareta Kelk aliquando prebet occasionem discordie.

Croftes . Dicit quod Mergareta Kelk aliquando discordiam vt dicit.

Hyll . Dicit quod domina Mergareta Kelk nocte quadam decessit a dormitorio in aulam ad[3] quemdam Thomam Catisby , sed quid fecit ipsa nescit . Ipse Thomas erat seruiens fundatoris domus.[4]

Bykley junior . Dicit omnia bene.

Kelk . Dicit omnia bene . Petit [quod priorissa quamcitius] poterit [reparabit] domum capitularem.[5]

[fo. 116*d.*]

Qua quidem examinacione sic facta dominus cancellarius eadem die iniunxit priorisse quod ipsa quamcitius poterit reparabit domum capitularem dormitorium claustrum et pistrinam ac alias domus defectiuas.

Item iniunxit priorisse quod ipsa anuatim reddet compotum administrationis coram monialibus domus in scripturis.

Item quod amodo pueri non ludent in[6] claustro nec in ecclesia , neque sedeant in choro inter moniales.

Item iniunxit priorisse quod ipsa non onerabit prioratum excessiue in numero consanguineorum.

Item iniunxit priorisse pro eo quod[7] domus alique sunt defectiue infra monasterium quod ipsa non recepiet[8] aliquas alias [moniales] nec aliquam vnam monialem sine consensu domini Lincolniensis episcopi.

[1] *defe* cancelled. [2] *habent matutinas* cancelled. [3] *virum* cancelled.
[4] It is not clear who was regarded as founder and patron of Catesby priory at this date.
[5] Capital letter (? Q) lower down.
[6] *cho* cancelled. [7] *dom* cancelled. [8] *Sic.*

Et hijs iniunctionibus sic factis dominus visitacionem suam ibidem dissoluit.

Deinde iniunxit domine Kelk quod ipsa amodo non exibit loca claustralia monasterij et quod sit diligens circa diuina in ecclesia et quod obediat priorisse.[1]

XII

CHACOMBE PRIORY

1. A. fo. 129.
2. L. fo. 124.

1

Chacombe

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM IN DOMO CAPITULARI DIE SABBATI XVJ^mo^ DIE JUNIJ ANNO DOMINI M^mo^ CCCCC^mo^ XX^mo^ PER MAGISTRUM JOHANNEM BURGES IN SACRA THEOLOGIA BACCALLARIUM DOMINI EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS COMMISSARIUM.

In primis prior exhibuit certificatorium in scriptis sub sigillo . Exhibuit statum illius domus in scriptis / fundacionem.

NOMINA FRATRUM.

Dominus Thomas Saunders prior
Dominus Thomas Stone supprior
Dominus Thomas Payn
Dominus Thomas Sonne
Dominus Johannes Bennet
Dominus Thomas Smyth

IIDEM HABENT ECCLESIAS

de Chacombe Dalby Leic'[2]
de Penna Buckes[3]
de Chacombe North'
de Barford Michaelis Oxon'[4]

Et habent in terris tenementis et redditibus ac alijs emolimentis circiter[5] c li.

Fratres monasterij non sedent in refectorio / sed insimul sedent in quodam loco nuncupato the / fermery , nec seruant silencium / Alia omnia comperta continentur in billa quadam per canonicos porrecta / Dominus commissarius iniunxit priori quod canonici deinceps sedeant tempore estiuali in refectorio / et quod tempore hiemali sedeant iij diebus in refectorio et alijs in diebus in quadam alia domo conueniente vbi ignem possunt habere.

[1] Ff. 117, 117*d* left blank. [2] Dalby Magna. [3] Penn.
[4] Barford St. Michael. [5] *clxxxxij li.* cancelled.

Sigillum commune custoditur sub duobus clauibus quorum vnus remanet apud fratrem seniorem domus et alius remanet apud priorem/

Dominus prior est aliquando seuerus in fratres suos et eos corrigit : eciam aliquando verberat extra capitulum / et ad quinquennium elapsum[1] percussit vnum ex fratribus suis ad effusionem sanguinis in claustro dominum Thomam Hanslapp/

Dominus prior aliquando increpauit fratres suos propter detectiones per eosdem factas in visitacionibus.

Fratres monasterij non sunt docti nec satis bene eruditi / Dominus prior promisit citra festum Natalis Domini proximum prouidere aliquem idoneum instructorem ad informandum canonicos in sciencijs primitiuis.

Fratres monasterij non habent esculenta et poculenta salubria nec in quantitate sufficienti . Dominus commissarius iniunxit priori quod decetero fratres habeant esculenta salubria et sufficiencia.

Non est prouisum pro domo nec pro ministris pro infirmis fratribus/

Dominus prior habet in manibus suis omnia officia illius prioratus . Iniunctum est priori quod ipse ante festum Natiuitatis[2] Johannis proximum preficiat aliquem in suppriorem cum stallo subprioris et alijs preeminencijs huic officio pertinentibus.

[fo. 129*d*.]

Officia diuina non celebrantur ibidem horis consuetis et debitis sed dominus prior facit fratres exspectare plerumque[3] vltra horas debitas adeo quod aliquando vix poterit alta missa ante nonam celebrari et quando[4] finitur missa post nonam[5] . Dominus[6] commissarius iniunxit priori et canonicis quod deinceps officia diuina celebrentur horis consuetis/

Frater Thomas Smyth canonicus ibidem non est expertus in gramatica.

Sunt in ipsa domo tres dumtaxat presbiteri et ipsi tres obligantur ad iij missas quotidie . Iniunctum est priori quod ipse quamcito commode poterit prouideat de numero presbiterorum et aliorum fratrum ampliando.

Dominus commissarius iniunxit priori quod ipse deinceps non permittat fratres suos exire septa domus / et cum exiuerint quod exeant tres aut duo simul cum honesto comite in campos causa recreandi ita quod reuertantur ante horas canonicas / et quod

[1] *es* cancelled.
[2] *domini prox* cancelled.
[3] *vj* cancelled.
[4] *Sic :* for *aliquando*.
[5] I.e. noon.
[6] *prior* cancelled.

fratres non frequentant[1] potaciones nec ingrediantur domos laicorum quousque reuersi fuerint in monasterium.

[2]Iniunctum est priori quod ipse non increpet fratres suos occasione detectorum in presenti visitacione.

Iniunctum est eciam priori quod ipse deinceps[3] permittat fratres suos habere pennoria et scriptoria[4] vt di[s]cere possent scribere etcetera[5] libros conficere.

Dominus iniunxit omnibus canonicis quod deinceps annuatim ostendant[6] statum suum priori et quod coram eo profundant pecunias.[7]

Et hijs gestis dictus dominus commissarius salua potestate transmittendi iniunctiones visitacionem suam dissoluit ac ipsos omnes concordes et *in* pace dimisit.

Iniunctum est priori quod ipse annuatim ostendat compotum administracionis sue fratribus domus , ita quod quod[8] fratres poterunt esse certiores de statu domus.

2

Chacombe

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM[9] DIE JOUIS VIGILIA NATIUITATIS SANCTI JOHANNIS BAPTISTE ANNO DOMINI M^O^ CCCCC^mo^ XXX^mo^ PER DOMINUM VICARIUM GENERALEM.

Prior exhibuit certificatorium in scriptis ; quo perlecto ac omnibus canonicis nominatim preconisatis dominus cancellarius articulos visita[cionis] exposuit et deinde ad examinacionem prioris et conuentus subscript[am] processit.

Dominus Thomas Saunders prior[10]
Dominus Thomas Stone in officio subprioris
Dominus Thomas Payne presbiter
Dominus Johannes Harfford presbiter
Willelmus Wellys professus
Edwardus Done professus
Willelmus Lapwourth professus
Willelmus Wedon.

Saunder prior . Dicit quod omnes canonici sunt sibi obedientes et religiose viuunt nec aliquid nouit detegendum.

[1] *Sic :* for *frequentent.* The word has been altered and *nec* cancelled.
[2] *Iniunctum est priori* cancelled as repeated.
[3] *non* cancelled. [4] Pen-cases and writing materials.
[5] Should follow *libros conficere.* [6] *computum* cancelled.
[7] I.e. they should exhibit all the money on them, empty their pockets.
[8] *Sic :* repeated. [9] *Sic :* repeated.
[10] At the dissolution the prior was Henry Austen, who succeeded on the death of Saunders in 1534 (*VCH Northants* II, 135 ; *L. & P.H. VIII,* XIII (i), p. 575).

Stone subprior . Dicit omnia bene inquantum ipse . . . . . credit.

Payne . Dicit omnia bene.

Harfford . Dicit omnia in monasterio se bene habere.

Wellys . Dicit quod . . . . . .

Doyne . Dicit omnia bene /

Lapwourth . Dicit omnia bene.

[fo. 124*d.*]

[Wedon] . Dicit quod in monasterio omnia bene se habent.

Qua quidem examinacione sic facta dominus die crastino tunc sequenti videlicet festo Natiuitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste in domo capitulari ibidem iudicialiter sedens , licet nichill per huiusmodi examinacionem reperit detectum reformacione d[ignum] omnes de canonicis illius domus hortabatur ad perseuerandum in honestate ac religiosa conuersatione . Et quod ipsi omnes inuicem caritatiue se gererent vnus erga alium et quod debite peragant . . . . .

[Quibus quidem] factis exhortacionibus dominus hortabatur priorem illius domus ad reparandum cancellum ecclesie sue conuentualis quamcitius commode poterit.

[Omnibus] hijs expeditis ac procuracionibus visitacionis persolutis dominus visitacionem [suam huiusmodi] dissoluit.

XIII

CROYLAND ABBEY

A. fo. 47*d.*

Croyland

VISITATIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE JOUIS VLTIMO DIE JUNII ANNO DOMINI M^mo^ CCCCC^mo^ XIX^no^ PER DOMINUM WILLELMUM ATWATER DEI GRACIA EPISCOPUM LINCOLNIENSEM PERSONALITER.

Dominus abbas habet in manibus suis officia celerarii et receptoris , et licet alii habeant nomina huiusmodi officiariorum non tamen habent emolumenta eisdem officiis pertinentia . Dominus iniunxit quod dominus abbas preficeret ex fratribus suis in illis officiis cum omnimodis emolumentis huiusmodi officiorum super computo per eosdem reddendo , et vltra emolumenta eorundem officiorum si opus fuerit ad sufficientiam[1] /

[1] The Latin of this injunction is somewhat elliptic. The abbot is ordered to prefer members of the convent to the offices of cellarer and receiver with all manner of emoluments attached, for which they must render an account, and if necessary to make them a sufficient allowance in addition to such emoluments.

Janitor monasterii non est honestus neque discretus nec facit suam diligenciam in officio suo , sed plerumque cum peregrini aduenerint monasterium et[1] peregrinantes Walsingham inquerunt[2] a janitore pro[3] recta vita[4] illuc ducente ipse janitor eos cachinnat / et plerumque docet eos vias obliquas / Et[5] cum fuerit in villa Croyland non vult festinanter accedere ad monasterium eciam vocatus per dominum abbatem aut aliquem officiarium monasterii.

Dominus abbas dixit quod ipsum ianitorem voluit ammouere ab officio / occasione premissa.

Monachi monasterii solebant temporibus infirmitatum quibus eos ex causis necessariis contingeret de licencia eiusdem domini abbatis[6] abesse monasterio / habere allacaciones[7] in pecuniis pro ipsorum victualibus sicut habent alii monachi convalescentes in esculentis et poculentis / et jam absentes , eciam causa infirmitatis , nichil habent . Dominus iniunxit quod deinceps ex causis premissis absentes fratres percipient iuxta morem preteritum / et sic dominus abbas contentabatur /

Dominus Simon Pinchebek dudum prior monasterii / non habet tantam preeminentiam quanta erat sibi tempore resignationis promissa / eo quod erat sibi promissum quod ipse esset equaliter preferendus cum priore moderno in omnibus sed tamen iam non est taliter reputus[8] / Dominus monit[9] quod ipse preferretur ceteris confratribus suis iuxta discretionem domini abbatis /

Dominus Johannes Freston stetit in religione per xliiij annos et iam deberet habere diuersa priuilegia ratione plurium anno[10] quibus stetit ibidem / Petitur a quibusdam vt ipse huiusmodi priuilegiis poterit vti et gaudere / Dominus vluit[11] quod ipse haberet priuilegia prout domino abbati et conuentui videbitur /

Dominus Johannes[12] capellanus secularis prioris monasterii est presens cum fratribus monasterii in lez seynes[13] et pernoctat cum eisdem in dormitorio apud Dowesdale[14] / contra statuta religionis quc canunt[15] quod nullus secularis pernoctabit in dormitorio , et tamen in huiusmodi locis aliquando seculares pernoctant cum fratribus et in ipsorum lectis in dormitorio / Dominus inhibuit hoc deinceps fieri omnino / et hoc firmiter iniunxit domino abbati emendari /

Sunt aliqui ex fratribus monasterii habentes varias infirmitates in capitibus suis / Petitur vt ipsi poterunt de licencia domini abbatis

[1] *eund* cancelled. [2] *Sic :* for *inquirunt.* [3] *Recta* cancelled.
[4] *Sic :* for *via.* [5] Altered from *fiet.*
[6] *ad* cancelled. [7] *Sic :* for *allocaciones.*
[8] *Sic :* for *reputatus.* [9] *Sic :* for *monuit.*
[10] *Sic :* for *annorum.* [11] *Sic :* for *voluit.*
[12] Surname blank. [13] See p. 85, above, note 5.
[14] Dowesdale house, the grange used as a place for convalescence by the monks of Croyland. See *Vis. of Relig. Houses* I, 37 and note, II, 169*n*.
[15] *Sic* ; but *cauent* evidently was meant.

vti piliis[1] extra ecclesiam . Dominus noluit vllo modo hoc concedere nisi dumtaxat priori / Quoad alios hoc reliquit discretioni domini abbatis prout opus erit /

Aliqui ex fratribus habent pueros eisdem attendentes et ministrantes et ipsi pueri aliquando ingrediuntur dormitorium et ibidem sternunt lectos monachorum / contra morem antiquum monasterii[2] / Dominus hoc penitus inhibuit et taliter omnibus iniunxit.

Fratres commedentes in refectorio plerumque non habent potagia[3] incuria domini abbatis qui habet in manibus suis officium celerarii / seu saltem ipsius celerarii . Prouideatur remedium / Dominus abbas prouisit[4] facere hoc emendari /

Dominus abbas solueret annuatim ad exhibitionem quorundam luminum / ad manus custodis luminum xl s. / iuxta augmentacionem domini Gilberti nuper abbatis ibidem[5] / et tamen hiis diebus ipsi xl s. subtrahuntur . Dominus iniunxit domino abbati quod ipse videret quod custos luminum haberet emolumenta[6] sufficientia ad supportandum onera officii sui /

Croyland

[fo. 48.]

Fratres commedentes in refectorio per mensem preteritum non habuerunt blodia anglice puddings[7] / incuria scelerarii / Prouideatur igitur quod deinceps reformentur / Dominus abbas promisit facere hec emendari.

Assignetur quidam ex fratribus qui nouit et vult instruere Thomam Croyland in cantu[8] . Dominus abbas promisit facere hoc perimpleri /

Solebant monachi absentes a monasterio ex causis[9] habere septimanatim pro[10] esculentis xij d. a celerario / et pro poculentis a domino abbate xij d. / sed tamen hiis diebus absentes , eciam ex causis infirmitatis , nichill habent pro victualibus / contra consuetudinem monasterii et contra ordinacionem factam tempore Willelmi Gidding olim abbatis[11] / Est prouisum remedium et dominus abbas promisit facere hoc perimpleri.

[1] Skull-caps. See glossary, s.v. pilius, in *Vis. of Relig. Houses* I, 244.
[2] *quod aliqui monachi vterentur piliis* cancelled.
[3] *necligenciam* cancelled. [4] *Sic :* for *promisit.*
[5] The abbot in question was certainly William Giddyng, abbot 1504–1507. No abbot of Croyland bore the name of Gilbert, and *Gilberti* seems to have been written inadvertently. The name, however, is not very clear in the MS.
[6] *sufficii* cancelled. [7] Blood or black puddings.
[8] Thomas Crowland *alias* Parker was left at the dissolution in charge of the parochial cure, occupying the *camera* previously appropriated to the *magister operum* (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIV (2), p. 230).
[9] *Sic* (*caus'*), but the word should probably be *cons'*, i.e. *consuetudine.*
[10] *vul* cancelled. [11] See note 5 above.

Frater[1] Sleforth et frater Thomas Stoke infirmantur . Dominus inhibuit vsum piliorum apud omnes monachos nisi evidens fuerit infirmitas alicuius , quo casu dominus voluit quod durantibus infirmitatibus dominus abbas licenciaret iuxta discretionem suam /

Primo die Julii anno predicto prefatus reuerendus pater / exquesitis[2] primitus votis omnium monachorum ac omnibus per eosdem detectis in scriptis redactis et per eundem dominum visitatorem / mature examinatis et plene rimatis atque aliqualiter vt patet ex precedentibus reformatis / dominus visitacionem suam ibidem dissoluit et eosdem in pace cum dei et sua benediccione dimisit.

Deinde magister Antonius Ouerton sacre theologie professor humiliter peciit a prefato domino visitatore quatenus ipse[3] , habito respectu ad varias infirmitates quibus ipse indies laborat / et ad gradum sui doctoratus , idem dominus abbas et confratres sui de consensu et licencia dicti domini visitatoris concederent sibi aliqua priuilegia , videlicet quod deinceps non sequetur chorum sed quod poterit gaudere priuilegio jubilenarii anglice a stager[4] / Et deinde dominus visitator requisiuit dominum abbatem et eciam conuentum ibidem quatinus ipsum dominum doctorem humanius propter huiusmodi suas infirmitates et gradum doctoratus pertractarent et sibi aliqua priuilegia concederent / Et dominus abbas dixit quod in hoc ipse voluit consulere conuentum suum et deinde voluit sibi gracias et priuilegia condecentia sibi[5] concedere[6] /

XIV

DAVENTRY PRIORY

A. fo. 124.

Daventre prioratus

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM IN DOMO CAPITULARI DIE JOUIS XXJmo DIE JUNIJ ANNO DOMINI 1520mo, DIEM SABBATI XXIIJclum

[1] Christian name blank. Richard Slyford *alias* Benett and Thomas Stoke *alias* Alderyche appear in the pension list after the dissolution (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIV (2), u.s.).

[2] *Sic.*

[3] *Sic. Ipse* should have been cancelled in view of the change of construction (*idem*, etc.) below.

[4] See glossary, *Vis. of Relig. Houses* I, 249, s.v. Stagiarius. Overton, in spite of his infirmities, survived the dissolution of the monastery (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIV (ii), 230).

[5] *Sic :* repeated.

[6] It is a pity that no list of names of monks is given and that there is no record of a visitation by Longland. At the dissolution the abbot was John Wellys *alias* Bryggys, who had been abbot ever since 1512 (*VCH Linc.* II, 117) ; and two names mentioned here may be recognised, in addition to that of Overton, in the pension list, viz. Richard Slyford *alias* Benett, B.D., and T. Stoke *alias* Alderyche (*L. & P.H. VIII, ut sup.*).

DIEM DICTI MENSIS ALIAS ASSIGNATUM PRO HUIUSMODI VISITACIONE DE CONSENSU PRIORIS ET CONUENTUS IBIDEM PREUENIENDO , PER DOMINUM VICARIUM GENERALEM VICE DOMINI WILLELMI ATWATER EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS.

NOMINA FRATRUM.

Dominus Alexander Colyns prior[1]
Dominus Johannes Winterton subprior
Dominus Thomas Dure est surdus et infirmus
Dominus Johannes Leicester coquinarius
Dominus Ricardus Lane sacrista
Dominus Jacobus Whittingham incarceratur Banburie propter apostasiam
Dominus Milo Grendon est absens in apostasia et sic stetit per quatuor annos
Dominus Thomas Barett subsacrista
Dominus Nicholaus Elston precentor
Dominus Johannes Totebury

IIDEM HABENT ECCLESIAS

de Daventre vicariam de Daventre / Ecclesiam de Falvesley[2]
de Norton vicariam de Norton / Ecclesiam de Preston[3]
de Stauerton vicariam de Stauerton / Ecclesiam de Scalforde[4]
Ecclesiam de Foxton[5] vicariam de Preston Ecclesiam de [West Haddon
Vicariam de Westhaddon

Et habent in terris tenementis redditibus et alijs emolumentis annuis circiter summam.[6]

In Dei nomine amen . Nos Ricardus Roston , decretorum doctor , reuerendi in Christo patris et domini domini Willelmi Dei gracia Lincolniensis episcopi vicarius in spiritualibus *siue commissarius* generalis et officialis principalis , istam domum siue prioratum iure ordinario dicti reuerendi patris actualiter visitantes et in eadem visitacione rite et legitime procedentes , dominum Milonem Grendon huius prioratus monachum (qui dudum ab isto eodem prioratu absque licencia prioris sui ibidem nulla salten[7] de quo[8] nobis *seu priori suo* constat sufficienti suffultus auctoritate in apostasiam *cadendo* recessit / et sic in apostasiam a diu continuauit) / ad[9] comparendum istis die et loco ordinariam visitacionem dicti reverendi patris subiturum sepius publice preconisatum diuque et

[1] Colyns resigned at the dissolution of the priory, 16 Feb., 1524–25, when it was suppressed for the endowment of Wolsey's college at Oxford, in company with a number of other houses (*L. & P.H. VIII*, IV (i), no. 1137 (5), p. 501).
[2] Fawsley. [3] Preston Capes.
[4] Scalford in Leicestershire, near Melton Mowbray.
[5] In Leicestershire, near Market Harborough. No mention is made here of the vicarage which at this time existed in the church.
[6] The sum is left blank.
[7] *Sic :* for *saltem*. [8] *Sic :* for *qua*.
[9] *hos diem et locum per priorem* cancelled.

sufficienter exspectatum ac sic comparere et subire minime[1] curantem pronunciamus et declaramus contumacem atque apostatam et ipso facto[2] ac de *iure* excommunicatum / et pro tali publice denunciandum et evitandum fore in hijs scriptis.

Lata erat hec sentencia die predicto[3] in dicta domo capitulari per dictum domini vicarium generalem presentibus priore et toto conuentu /

Non reddit dominus prior computum sue administrationis saltem fratribus suis / nec sunt fratres certiores de statu domus / Dicunt tamen quod dominus prior agit pro viribus suis in vtilitatem monasterij negocia eiusdem , et dicunt ipsum satis esse huic monasterio commodiferum eorum omnium opinione.

Non est bene prouisum pro infirmis fratribus / Dominus[4] iniunxit subpriori et infirmario quod ipse deinceps prepa*ra*ret de prouentibus illius officij quod necessaria ministrentur infirmis.

Non est salarium omnium presbiterorum equaliter persolutum ex hoc quod aliqui habent per annum xl s. , alij habent nisi dumtaxat xxxiij s. iiij d. Petitur vt omnes presbiteri habeant per annum xl s. Dominus prior contentabatur quod omnes presbiteri haberent stipendium xl s. ita quod circa ipsorum vesturam applicarent et non in inanes vsus exponerent /

[fo. 124*d*.]

Monachi cum exeant monasterium causa recreationis habent secum canes venaticos / quod non videtur consonum religioni / Dominus iniunxit ne deinceps ipsi monachi cum exirent causa recreationis haberent secum venaticos siue con . . neque exirent cum clamore aut tumultu sed sobrie et quiete et quod redeant ante horas vesperarum /

Et hijs gestis dominus vicarius generalis facta primitus exhortacione anglice fratribus ibidem suam huiusmodi visitacionem dissoluit et eos omnes in pace dimisit.

In inicio visitacionis magister Johannes Burges verbum Dei ibidem publice proposuit in vulgari suo sequens hoc thema / Reddite[5] /

Deinde dominus iniunxit omnibus monachis quod quamcito ipsi comode poterunt perquerere[6] le strayles anglice stamyns[7] quod extunc non pernoctarent in pannis lineis.[8]

[1] *cor* cancelled. [2] *excommunicatum siu* cancelled. [3] *per* cancelled.
[4] *prior dixit quod velit providere quod infirmi haberent necessaria* cancelled.
[5] Marc. XII, 17, or Luc. XX, 25.
[6] *Sic :* for *perquirerent.*
[7] I.e. bed-clothes, woollen blankets.
[8] *vestibus* cancelled. A similar prohibition occurs.

XV

DELAPRÉ ABBEY

L. fo. 122.

De lapray monasterium

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM VJ^to^ DIE SEPTEMBRIS ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XXX^mo^ PER DOMIMUM CANCELLARIUM.

Facto per Abbatissam certificatorio sic[1] scriptis ac facta exhortatione salubri et declaratis per cancellarium articulis visitacionis comparuerunt ibidem moniales subscripte videlicet.

Domina Clementissa[2] Stokkes abbatissa
Domina Mauld Ingleton priorissa
Domina Jsabella Welshe subpriorissa
Domina Margareta Marys sacrista
Domina Alicia Bemys
Domina Margareta Stoke
Domina Emma Smyth
Domina Gracia Smyth
Domina Anna Smyth
Domina Elisabeth Heyward
Domina Mergareta Bodye

Quibus sic comparentibus dominus cancellarius . . . . quibusdam munimentis per Abbatissam exhibitis ad exam[inacionem moni]alium processit ac ipsos[3] omnes examinauit que detegerunt vt sequitur.

Abbatissa . Dicit omnia bene.

Priorissa . Dicit omnia bene esse.

Subpriorissa . Dicit omnia in monasterio satis bene se habere.

Marys . Dicit quod nichill nouit in monasterio reform[andum] . . . . abbatissa bene intendit . . . . q . . . prepar . . . . . .[4] ecclesiam ibidem proximo mense Marcij reparare.

Bemys . Dicit omnia bene.

[fo. 122*d.*]

Stoke . Dicit omnia bene et quod abbatissa est in reparando angulum quemdam ecclesie.

[Smyth] . Dicit quod angulus quidam ecclesie et refectorium sunt

[1] *Sic :* for *in.*

[2] *Sic :* for *Clementia.* At the dissolution Clemence Stoke was still abbess. Elizabeth (Isabel) Welsh appears to have been prioress. Of the others Maud Ingleton, Margaret Marys, Alice Bemys and Anne Smyth do not appear in the list ; the remaining five names are there, but there are only two new names in place of the four missing (*L. & P. Hen. VIII,* XIV (i), p. 602).

[3] *Sic :* for *ipsas.*

[4] Supply *meremiumque preparauit et tegulos* or some equivalent phrase.

vere . . . . et aliqualiter defectiua . sed tamen domina abbatissa [intendit] reparare proxima estate et preparauit meremium tegul[osque] pro huiusmodi reparacione necessaria.

[Smyth] . Dicit omnia bene et dicit quod ostium claustri est ser[atum] preterquam temporibus missarum quibus temp[oribus] finita missa rursus per ipsam seratur.

[Qua quidem examinacione sic facta] dominus cancellarius iniunxit domine [abbatisse quod] repararet angulum ecclesie et alia edificia [quamcitius] quantum poterit commode et quod . . . . . citra vltimum diem M[arcii] proximum et de . . . . . perse . . . . . iuxta posse suum.
. . . . . ac regulares obseruancias . . . . . vsitatum.

[Et hijs iniunccionibus] factis dominus visitacionem [suam] dissoluit.

XVI

DORCHESTER ABBEY

1. A. fo. 96.

2. L. fo. 153.

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VISITACIO MONASTERIJ DE DORCHESTRE ORDINIS SANCTI AUGUSTINI LINCOLNIENSIS DIOCESEOS EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE JOUIS XVIIJ° JUNIJ ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XVIJ° PER MAGISTRUM EDMUNDUM HORDE , DECRETORUM DOCTOREM , DOMINI WILLELMI ATWATER EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS AD HOC COMMISSARIUM.

Fiat iniunctio ne canonici ibidem frequentant[1] villam sine licencia abbatis si presens fuerit / alioquin prioris / sed custodiant septa monasterij . Eodem die dominus iniunxit ut supra.

Canonici ibidem dicunt quod dormitorium ibi patitur ruinam.

2

Dorchestre

xix^no^ die mensis Septembris anno predicto[2] coram antedicto reuerendo patre iudicialiter sedente comparuerunt canonici subscripti videlicet

[1] *Sic :* for *frequentent.*
[2] I.e. 1530.

Dominus[1] abbas
Dominus Robertus Ellys
Dominus Willelmus Goldyngton
Dominus Thomas Pyuer
Dominus Johannes Clyfton
Dominus Johannes . . . .
Dominus Hugo London
Dominus Thomas Wytney
Willelmus Perche nouicius
Georgius Harte nouicius

Jn le zenes[2] canonici ambulant in villam de Dorchestre et alias villas adiacentes.

Canonici non surgunt debite ad matutinas et prior est negligens in surgendo ad matutinas , ac eo pretextu ceteri canonici sunt negligenciores et raro omnes veniunt ad matutinas exceptis festis duplicibus.

Prior non legit regulam sancti Augustini bis in septimana iuxta antiquam consuetudinem nec vnquam legit ex quo venit ad monasterium.

Prior diffamatur cum quadam muliere que moratur infra medietatem vnius milliarij . . . . que accessit ad monasterium istud die Veneris ad quindenam circiter horam [nonam] vel decimam , quam idem prior ducebat in cellam suam infra dormitorium et . . . dimisit , et descendit a dormitorio ac celebrauit sine . . . [m]issam , et post prandium . . . asportabat sibi panem et potum , ac iterum ad horam quartam post meridiem . . . . . Ipse *deponens*[3] certificatus de ea re per vnum ex fratribus vocauit peremptorie omnes canonicos ad [domum] capitularem , et post alia verba dixit eidem priori Ytt is shewan me ye haue . . . . . in your chambre , et ipse primo negauit ac demum confitebatur.

Dominus Thomas Pyuer est suspectus de incontinencia cum Jo[hanna] Martyn [de] Warborowe.

Dominus Thomas Wytney est elate mentis , et vagatur diuersis vicibus.

Est via publica . . . . . .[4] vsurpata a molendinis per claustrum . . . . . per finem ecclesie , per quam canonici pluries exeunt.

Dormitorium , claustrum , firmaria , et tenementa in[fra villam ind[igent] reparacione.

[1] The abbot was Roger Smith, elected in 1513. He resigned in 1533 and was succeeded by the last abbot, John March (*VCH Oxon* II, 90).
[2] I.e. *seynies*. See p. 85 above, note 5.
[3] This deposition was evidently made by the abbot.
[4] A word which appears to be *solem*'.

Dominus Willelmus Golding prior est nimis elatus et app . . . . . camera sua infra dormitorium que veniebat ad . . . . . abductam a dormitorio . . . .

Dominus Thomas Wytney est infamatus de incontinencia . . . . . inter . . . . . sue negligen . . . . . .

[fo. 153*d*.]

Regula sancti Augustini legitur in sermone vulgari semel in anno et quolibet sabbato in sermone latino , in refectorio.

Canonici non veniunt nocturnatim ad matutinas set sunt adeo negligentes ut quandoque sunt duo tantum presentes in matutinis.

Dominus Thomas Wytney non fuit nisi ter ad matutinas a festo sancti Laurencij ad annum , set vigilat interdum in nocte usque ad horas decimam vel vndecimam et surgit mane circiter horam terciam vel quartam , aliquando infra dormitorium et aliquando extra.

Idem dominus Thomas Wytney non obseruat diuina officia , nec fuit ad completorium neque ad collationem[1] vltra sex tempora per quartam partem anni.

Canonici post completorium non ingrediuntur insimul dormitorium nec simul exeunt in aurora.

Dominus Thomas Wytney perhendinauit in villa de Dorchestre in domo Thome Wild fratris sui die dominica post festum reliquiarum et abhirc usque ad aduincula sancti Petri[2] . Et est indoctus , verbosus , et nimium iurans ac ter aut quater *paratus fuit ad pu*[*gnandum*][2] cum priore ex quo accessit ad illud monasterium.

Non obseruant regulam in refectorio set soli exiunt refectorium quum velint temporibus refectiorum.

Dominus Thomas Wytney quottidie vagatur ad venandum , piscandum , et alibi absque licencia.

M[ulier]es habent recursum per claustrum singulis horis diei , et ingrediuntur per [ecclesi]am , cuius hostia non sunt clausa.

Hostia claustri stant aperta per totam noctem.

Iniuncciones[3] visitatoris iam dudum facte non obseruantur neque declarantur inter fratres , nec habent in manibus , set remanent in secreta custodia abbatis , et ideo canonici non cognoscunt easdem.

Filia vxoris[4] Wilde pluries accessit ad dominum Thomam Wytney [in] dormitorium tempore infirmitatis eiusdem domini Thome.

[1] See glossary, *Vis. of Relig. Houses* I, 227.
[2] Interlined above *pugna* cancelled.
[3] *domini episcopi* cancelled.
[4] Christian name left blank : probably *Thome*, as before.

. . . etur quod dominus Thomas Pyuer est familiaris cum quadam muliercula [manente apud] Warborowe.

[Canonici] sunt negligentes in diuinis officijs.

[Dominus] Thomas Wyld[1] , dominus Hugo London[2] sunt multocies negligentes et [non] veniunt ad matutinas.

[Clericus] non pulsat ad matutinas debitis et congnis horis et igitur matutine [plerum]que negliguntur . Idem clericus [est] iuuenis non habens [discr]etio[nem] sufficientem in hac parte . . . . am aliquam . . . . . .

[fo. 154.]

Dominus Johannes Willys presbiter secularis et male fame obdormiuit in dormitorio cum Georgio Hart novitio et in eodem lecto , et est suspectus ille sacerdos de et super felonia . Ac diuerse res monasterij sublate fuerunt furtiue ex quo ipse habuit accessum ad monasterium , et suspectus est de eijsdem.[3]

Cerimonie et silentium minus diligenter obseruantur.

[Ca][4] Canonici insimul non ingrediuntur dormitorium , set quidam ambulant circa claustrum et cameram abbatis ac alibi circa monasterium et sero veniunt ad cellas suas.

Hostia claustri non habent seras nec *omnes*[5] obserantur temporibus nocturnis.

[R.] Regule *sancti* Augustini non exponuntur in sermone vulgari.

Non habent instructorem grammatices nec diu habuerunt.

[M.] Mulier quedam reperta erat descendens a dormitorio et quidam dixerunt quod erat in camera domini Willelmi Goldington prioris.

[Prior] Dominus Willelmus Goldington habuit mulierem in camera sua die Veneris ad septimanam.

[Pyuer] Fama est quod dominus Thomas Pyuer fuit familiaris cum Johanna Mertyn . . . . . nuperime abducta.

Silentium interdum non seruatur horis consuetis et limitatis.

[*Ca*] Canonici sunt[6] negligentes quandoque in diuinis officijs et precipue in tempore . . . . .

Sunt multocies opprobriosa verba inter canonicos.

[*Prior*] Dominus Goldington prior confisus de beniuolentia visitatoris . . . . . sime offitium abbatis.

[1] I.e. Wytney. [2] *et* cancelled. [3] *Sic.*

[4] This (*Ca*[*nonici*]) and the marginal notes *R*[*egula*], *M*[*ulier*], etc. below are intended to call attention to subjects for injunctions or to the special persons whom they should concern.

[5] Sc. *sere.* [6] *s* cancelled.

Edificia infra monasterium et tenementa infra villam de Dorchestre indigent reparacione.

Cerimonie non seruantur omnibus temporibus.

Hostia ecclesie et claustri stant apertura[1] in tempore [nocturno] exc . . . . . orium.

Audiunt quod dominus Willelmus Goldington habuit [mulierem] in camera sua et [est] suspectus de incontinencia cum eadem.

Dominus Thomas Pyuer eciam notatur de incontinencia cum quadam Johanna Martyn de Warborowe.

[fo. 154*d*.]

Dominus Willelmus Goldington habuit mulierem in camera sua die Veneris ad septimanam[2] ante initium summe misse *et* usque ad horam sextam in nocte , et vidit eandem mulierem sequentem dictum dominum Willelmum Goldington ad dormitorium , et asportantem seruitia ad eandem.

Negliguntur matutine ob defectum boni prioris qui preesset in eijsdem.

Silentium debite non seruatur.

[3] Fama est quod dominus Thomas Pyuer frequentauit consortium Johanne Martyn de Warborowe.

Prior puniuit dominum Thomam Wytney rigorose.

Idem prior detigitur[4] cum quadam muliere que iamdudum venit ex patria sua ad ipsum priorem.

Dormitorium est in decasu.

Matutine non adeo diligenter nec adeo bene seruantur sicut consueuerant obseruari.

Hostia claustri et porte monasterij exteriores sunt adeo aperta in media nocte sicut in meredie dici et raro clauduntur ostia claustralia.

Jocalia monasterij remanent in vestibulo[5] quod est locus nimis periculosus.

Clericus non pulsat ad matutinas horis debitis.

Dormitorium et libri in choro indigent reparacione.

Fama est quod dominus Thomas Pyuer vixit in incontinencia cum Johanna Mertyn de Warborowe.

Dominus Willelmus Goldington habuit mulierem in camera sua ut audiuit a principio misse *et ante* usque ad vesperas.

Prior non exercuit officium suum per quartam partem anni.

[1] *Sic :* for *aperta*. [2] *ab hora* cancelled.
[3] *Dominus Willelmus Fo* cancelled. [4] *Sic*. [5] I.e. the vestry.

Dominus Willelmus prior habuit mulierem in[1] camera sua cum qua est infamatus in patria.

Instructor grammatices post merediem solet inebriari.

[Clericus] est piger et negligens nec pulsat ad matutinas temporibus debitis.

[fo. 155.]

Quibus responsionibus receptis et per dominum capitulariter perlectis et declaratis dominus , salua potestate faciendi iniuncciones ac corrigenda omnia et singula detecta et comperta suprascripta , dissoluit visitacionem suam huiusmodi loco die et anno predictis.

Die vero sequenti declarauit suspensiones subscriptas et iniuncciones dedit etiam subsequentes , reseruata potestate dandi alias cum ei visum fuerit expedire ; et tandem ad humilem peticionem abbatis se submittentis eundem abbatem absoluit a sentencia suspensionis infrascripte ut sequitur.

Imprimis iniungimus abbati huius monasterij quod prouideat ceras et claues sufficientes pro omnibus et singulis hostijs claustri eiusdem monasterij acetiam pro hostijs infra nauem ecclesie parochialis de Dorchestre et chorum ecclesie conuentualis monasterij predicti[2] , et faciat easdem ceras affigi respectiue ostijs predictis citra festum sancti Michaelis Archangeli proxime futurum sub pena excommunicacionis maioris.

Item iniungimus eidem abbati ut citra idem festum tradat et deliberet omnes et singulas claues huiusmodi sacriste monasterij predicti , et quod deinceps permittat easdem remanere continue in custodia eiusdem sacriste sub pena predicta.

Item iniungimus eidem sacriste ut deinceps singulis noctibus a festo Natiuitatis beate Marie Virginis[3] usque ad festum Pasche annuatim omnia et singula ostia claustri predicti obserantur ad horam quintam , ac a festo Pasche usque ad idem festum Natiuitatis ad horam septam[4] . Et quod nullum hostium claustri huiusmodi aperiatur de cetero in aurora ante horam sextam sub pena excommunicacionis maioris.

Item iniungimus antedicto abbati sub pena excommunicacionis maioris ut decetero non permittat plebem *aut*[5] populam iter facere a molendinis [per] claustrum monasterij predicti . . . . ediuerso sed quod introitus per viam vsurpatam ab eis[dem] molendinis per claustrum predictum penitus interdicatur et inhibeatur , ac

[1] *do* cancelled.

[2] The nave of the conventual church was the parish church of Dorchester : for a plan of the church see *Archæol. Journ.*, LXVII, 333.

[3] 8 September.

[4] *Sic :* for *septimam.*

[5] Interlined above *et* cancelled.

itinerantes per illam viam que ducit a molendinis predictis a claustro predicto excludantur.[1]

In Dei nomine Amen . Nos Johannes permissione diuina Lincolniensis episcopus in [hac parte] rite et legitime procedentes te dominum Rogerum[2] abbatem . . . . huius monasterij de Dorchestre nostrarum diocesis et fundacionis propter tuas . . . . . negligentiam et contumaciam et inobedienciam in non exequendo iniuncciones [nostras] alias tibi[3] factas et alias nobis in hac visitacione nostra . . . . [con]fesatas et detectas , negligentem , contumacem et inobedientem [pronunciamus] et in penam negligencie contumacie et inobediencie tuarum . . . . . suspendimus in hijs scriptis.

Similique modo procedentes etc . te dominum Thomam Pyuer propter factum incontinencie tue nobis in eadem visitacione detecte . . . . . donec et quousque te purgaueris de eodem crimine a [celebrac]ione diuinorum suspendimus in hijs scriptis.

[fo. 155*d.*]

Et preterea simili modo rite et legitime procedentes te dominum Willelmum Goldington priorem propter vehementem suspicionem incontinencie tue nobis in eadem visitacione nostra ordinaria detecte te[4] a diuinorum celebracione per quindenam , et ab officio tuo in eodem monasterio suspendimus in hijs scriptis.

Et iniunxit eidem priori et domino Pyuer ut non exirent cepta monasterij quousque licenciati fuerint per eundem.

Et iniunxit domino Willelmo Wild[5] ut per annum continuum a die date presentium non exiret[6] limites monasterij sub pena excommunicacionis et deputauit eundem in inferiorem chori locum ad minus per quatuordecem dies immediate sequentes inhibendo eum a le zenes[7] quousque secum fuerit dispensatum per dominum visitatorem.

In Dei nomine amen . Nos Johannes permissione diuina Lincolniensis episcopus in hac parte rite et legitime procedentes te dominum Rogerum abbatem monasterij de Dorchestre , alias per nos propter tuas negligentiam contumaciam et inobedienciam a celebracione diuinorum legitime suspensum , a sentencia suspensionis huiusmodi ex certis causis nos mouentibus absoluimus et celebracioni diuinorum restituimus in nomine patris et filij et spiritus sancti amen.

[1] Copies of the decrees of suspension mentioned above and of the restitution of the abbot after suspension follow.

[2] Surname left blank.

[3] *pluries* cancelled.

[4] *Sic :* repeated.

[5] *Sic :* for *Thome Wylney.*

[6] Written *exireat* with *a* cancelled.

[7] I.e. *seynies,* as before.

[1] Willelmus a Lee dicit quod Johannes Nooke scolasticus[2] Cantibrigiensis habuit librum de piscacione , de ambulacione invisibili tempore nocturno , ac de videndo in nocte sicut in die , quem dimiserat cum isto deponente , tunc moram faciente apud Denham[3] , et iste deponens mutuabat eundem librum aquebaiulo de Hays[4] in archidiaconatu Myddelsexie , et cum iste ac dictus Johannes Nooke iterum repet[erent] eundem librum ab eodem aquebaiulo vicarius eiusdem ville de Hays [repro]babat[5] eosdem pro custodia eiusdem libri et dixit quod digni era[nt] . . . . ubis , et deinde tradidit eundem librum dicto Johanni Nooke qui . . . . [con]sanguineum A. Purser in villa Cantibrigiensi . Et dicit quod Ricardus . . . mar vidit eundem librum in parrochia de Bray[6] et obtulit xl d. eidem Johanni Nooke pro copia eiusdem libri.

XVII

DUNSTABLE PRIORY

1. A. fo. 147.
2. L. fo. 42.

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Dunstaple

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM IN DOMO CAPITULARI XXIIIJ^to^ DIE APRILIS ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO CCCCC^mo^ XVIIJ^mo^ PER REUERENDUM IN CHRISTO PATREM DOMINUM WILLELMUM DEI GRACIA LINCOLNIENSEM EPISCOPUM ANNO SUE CONSECRACIONIS IIIJ^to^ /

Habent ecclesias appropriatas videlicet Dunstaple / Chalgrave / Stodeham Wedon / Crawley / Rigemonde / Toternhoo[7] /

In prioratu ibidem fundatur cantaria pro anima Nigelli Lorynges / et eciam fundatur ibidem anniuersarium Simonis Reynold[8] / Prior

[1] This interesting entry at the end of the Dorchester visitation may be a memorandum bearing no relation to the apparent context, but added in a space where there was room for it. John Nooke, however, may have been a canon of Dorchester who was studying at Cambridge.

[2] *Scolaris* seems to be meant. [3] In Buckinghamshire.

[4] Hayes, near Uxbridge. The vicar at this date was Henry Gold, 1529–1534. The sinecure rectory, a peculiar of the see of Canterbury, was held (1516–1557) by William Wodam, kinsman of the archbishop and archdeacon of Canterbury (Hennessy, *Nov. Rep.*, p. 209).

[5] This seems to be the reading. The missing words are possibly *reddidit ad suum.*

[6] The book of magic seems to have made the round of the neighbourhood of Uxbridge.

[7] Of the churches named all were in Bedfordshire except Weedon Bec in Northamptonshire. Stodeham=Studham, Crawley=Husborne Crawley, Rigemonde=Ridgmont.

[8] For the Lorings of Chalgrave near Dunstable see *V C H Beds.* III, 346, 348, 349. Of Simon Reynold nothing else seems to be known.

dicit prioratum suum ad alias fundaciones minime teneri preter fundacionem ipsius prioratus / Et tamen tenentur ad ij missas quolibet die celebrandas pro anima Simonis[1] Horncaster /

Dominus prior non facit compotum administracionis sue publicari et notificari fratribus suis . Dominus iniunxit priori quod ipse deinceps annuatim reddet computum sue administracionis et huiusmodi computum publicabit et notificabit fratribus domus . saltem iiij vel u senioribus /

Dominus prior dimittit terras et tenementa prioratus pro annis pluribus absque tractatu prehabito cum fratribus suis in domo capitulari / Iniunctum fuit sibi ne decetero ita faceret sed quod cum voluerit aliqua tenementa ad firmam dimittere sub sigillo communi / haberet tractatum cum fratribus.

In isto prioratu sunt nisi septem persone cum priore inclusiue et tenentur ad septem missas quolibet die celebrandas / Dominus iniunxit priori quod ipse faceret numerum presbiterorum augeri.

Die[2] Martis xxvij^{mo} dictus reuerendus pater in domo capitulari ibidem iudicialiter sedens visitacionem suam dissoluit.

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VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE VENERIS[3] XIIJ^{mo} DIE MENSIS M[AIJ] ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XXX^{mo} PER DOMINUM CANCELLARIUM.

Facto certificatorio in scriptis per priorem sigillo officij sui sigillato comparue[runt] omnes isti canonici subscripti videlicet.

.Dominus Gervasius Markham prior[4]
.Dominus Robertus Cotton subprior
.Dominus Thomas Welles refectorarius
.Dominus Thomas Claybroke
.Dominus Radulphus Marten celerarius
.Dominus Thomas Ryngsted precentor
.Dominus Ricardus Kent magister noviciorum
.Dominus Georgius Edwardes sacrista
.Dominus Henricus Myller diaconus
.Dominus Edmundus Grene diaconus
Frater Petrus Whippe

[1] *Harecour* cancelled.
[2] *lune* cancelled.
[3] xv cancelled.
[4] The increase in the number of canons since 1518 is noticeable. Markham was still prior at the dissolution, when Claybroke was subprior. By that time Cotton, Welles, Marten, Ryngsted, Myller and Spytwell had disappeared, but there were only three new names (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIV (2), no. 291).

Frater Thomas Stalworth[1]
Frater Ricardus Bowstrete[2]
Frater Radulphus Spytwell
Frater Augustinus Curtes
Frater Robertus Sumner[3]

Deinde dominus cancellarius articulos visitacionis declarauit et fratres separatim examinauit.

Dominus prior . Dicit omnia bene.

Subprior . Dicit omnia bene et quod prior est vtilis ad[ministrator].

Welles . Dicit priorem esse nimium vtilem monasterio et fratres caritatius [se habere].

Claybroke . Omnia bene.

Ryngsted . Fratres caritatiue se habent et Nichil dignum [reformacionis].

Kent . Dicit[4] omnia bene gubernantur.

Marten[5] . Dicit omnia bene et priorem prouidere vtiliter . . . .

Edwardes . Dicit omnia bene priorem[6] commode administrare.

[fo. 42*d*.]

Grene . Dicit omnia bene.
Whipp . Omnia bene.
Stalforth[7] . Omnia bene.
Bowstrete . Dicit omnia bene.
Spytwell . Dicit omnia bene.
Curtes . Dicit omnia bene.
Sumner . Dicit omnia bene.

[Qua] quidem examinacione sic facta dominus visitacionem suam dissoluit.[8]

XVIII

ELSTOW ABBEY

1. L. fo. 47.

2. L. fo. 50.

VISITACIO MONASTERIJ DE ELNESTOWE EXERCITA PER REUERENDUM IN CHRISTO PATREM ET DOMINUM DOMINUM JOHANNEM PERMISSIONE DIUINA LINCOLNIENSEM EPISCOPUM IN DOMO CAPITULARI EIUSDEM MONASTERIJ XXV^to^ DIE MENSIS AUGUSTI ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO TRICESIMO.

[1] John Stalworth (*L. & P.H. VIII*, u.s.).
[2] Bulstred (*ibid.*).
[3] Somer (*ibid.*).
[4] *quod* omitted.
[5] *Edwardes* cancelled.
[6] *v* cancelled.
[7] *Sic* : for *Stalworth*.
[8] Fo. 43 left blank.

Quo die introducta monicione ac concione facta per eundem reuerendum patrem comparuerunt.

Domina Elizabeth Boyfeld abbatissa[1]
Domina Anna Wake priorissa
Domina Alicia Shelton supprioriss a[2]
Domina Alicia Boyfeld cantrix et sacrista
Domina Anna Preston perluraria[3]
Domina Cecilia Starkey refectoraria
Domina Elena Snowe sub*sacrista*[4]
Domina Katherina Wingate[5]
Domina Dorothea Cumbreford
Domina Elizabeth Napton
Domina Alicia Blakwall
Domina Elizabeth Seynt clere
Domina Katherina Cornewales
Domina Margareta Nicholson
Domina Barbara Grey
Domina Alicia Bolles
Domina Alicia Foster
Domina Elizabeth S[tanesmore]
Domina Amicia . . . .[6]
Domina A[nna Erdes][7]
Elisabeth Waterton absens[8]

integrum conuentum vt asseruere facientes ; quarum dicta et deposiciones subsequuntur.

Domina Elizabeth Boyfeld abbatissa dicit quod priorissa dudum de Lytylmore[9] impignorauit pixidem argenteam domine Agneti Gascoigne vltime abbatisse et iam non inuenitur , nec computus aut scriptura euidencie . *Ista cepit eandem.*[9]

Item vestes antedicte domine Agnetis Gascoigne quas diuisit [inter sorores] vna cum paruo cipho videlicet a maser . [*Divi*]*ditur in*[*ter*] *sorores.*[10]

Dicit preterea quod sigill . . . . . et aliarum sigill[a] . . . acquietanciarum.

[1] The list of nuns at the dissolution (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIV (2), no. 88) shows little change. Elizabeth Boyfeld or Boyvill was still abbess. Katherine Cornwales had gone, but the rest were still in the convent, and there were three new names.
[2] Called Maud Sheldon afterwards and in *L. & P.H. VIII*, u.s.
[3] I.e. keeper of the parlour, who probably attended to visitors and guests.
[4] Interlined above *centrix* cancelled.
[5] *Domina Alicia Blakewell* cancelled. Wingate is called ' chapellain ' u.s.
[6] There is no Amice or Amy in the pension list u.s.
[7] *et* cancelled. Called *Ardys* u.s.
[8] Called Waltam u.s.
[9] Marginal note.
[10] Marginal note. The full sense of the passage is not clear

[fo. 47*d*.]

Priorissa . Domina Anna Wake priorissa dicit quod habet in custodia sua pixidem priorisse de Lytyl[more] et paruum ciphum videlicet a lytyll maser vltime abbatisse ibidem , et quod ex vol[untate] postrema dicte abbatisse defuncte diuisit vestes suas inter consorores [eiusdem] monasterij.

Subpriorissa . Domina Alicia Shelton suppriorissa dicit quod monasterium indiget reparacione vndiquaque.

Domina Alicia Boyfeld . Domina Alicia Boyfeld dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

Anna Preston . Domina Anna Preston dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

Starkey . Domina Cecilia Starkey dicit quod senescallus non est vtilis monasterio nec indifferens , nec prouidit boues neque oues necessarios pro vsu monasterij temporibus debitis , adeo quod tempore mortis vltime abbatisse nulli fuerunt inuenti in pasturis suis apud Willeshampsted.[1]

Et quod domina Katherina Wingate *capellana abbatisse* non venit ad matutinas per sex annos , et solet cenare in promptuario abbatisse cum senescallo et alijs.[2]

Grysell seruiens siue ancilla abbatisse contraxit nuptias cum fratre prioris de Cawldewell , quare necessarium videtur ut remoueatur a monasterio propter expensas vitandas.[3]

Famuli abbatisse precedunt priorissam et conuentum in processionibus et non abbatissam et conuentum.

Willelmus Smyth de Kempston[4] loquutus est verba obprobriosa contra eandem et alias sorores dicens quod Nother goodman nor good woman take dame Cecill Starkey hir parte.

Dicit preterea quod leuauit de sacro fonte puerum eiusdem Willelmi [abbatissa] et senescalli ac aliorum.

[fo. 48.]

Snowe . Domina Elena Snowe subsacrista dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

Wingate . Domina Katherina Wingate dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

Napton . Domina Elizabeth Napton dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

Comberford . Domina Dorothea Comberford dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

[1] Wilshampstead, south of Elstow.
[2] *Nota* mark in margin.
[3] *Nota* mark in margin.
[4] Kempston is the parish adjoining Elstow on the west.

Domina Blakewall . Domina Alicia Blakewall dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

Pollicita abbatisse de Elnestowe . Eisdem die et loco capitulari coram eodem reuerendo patre Judicialiter sedente domina Elizabeth[1] Boyfeld abbatissa eiusdem monasterij de Elnestowe personaliter constituta *fide media* promisit se stare et obedire in omnibus arbitrio et ordinacionibus eiusdem reuerendi patris de et super expensis et sumptibus litis nuperime ventilate inter ipsam abbatissam et dominam Ceciliam Starkey monialem eiusdem monasterij in nego[tio] eleccionis eiusdem abbatisse et circa illud negotium factis , acetiam de et super assignacione et limitacione annue pensionis eidem domine Starkey[2] per eundem reuerendum patrem , si ei visum fuerit expediens , assignande et limitande : in presentia magistri Johannis Rayne vtriusque iuris doctoris dicti reuerendi patris cancellarij et Johannis F . . . . . notarij.

Quibus sic factis dominus ex certis causis . . . . . [continuauit] visitacionem suam huiusmodi inceptam usque ad [diem sabbati ante festum sancti Thome] apostoli ante festum natiuitatis domini proximum[3] et [ad quemlibet diem iuridicum] citra eundem diem.[4]

[fo. 49.]

Elnestowe continuacio visitacionis

In Dei nomine amen . Decimo septimo die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo in domo capitulari religiosarum mulierum de Elnestow ad mandatum reuerendi in christo patris et domini domini Johannis dei gracia Lincolniensis episcopi per suum commissarium Robertum Gostwick in archidioconatu Bedfordie , sua pendente visitacione ordinaria , examinacio facta est tam in capite quam in membris[5] animarum suarum salutem et monasterij sui honorem et commodum modo et forma prout [sequitur].

In primis domina Elizabeth Beafill abbatissa de Elnestow dicit quod omnia sunt bene et omnes sorores sue sunt deuote , religiose et conformabiles.

Domina Anna Wayke priorissa dicit quod omnia sunt bene preter . . . . . patris ac domini iniunccionem videlicet de hospitalium siue familiarum suarum subtractionem[6] . [Cum] [hu]militate exorat vt stent . . . . et maneant earum hospitalia siue familie sicut p[rius] . . . . . .

Domina Matilda Shelton suppriorissa dicit quod omnia sunt bene . Concordat cum humilitate cum domina priorissa.

[1] *gasco* cancelled. [2] *fa* cancelled.
[3] I.e. 17 Dec., 1530. [4] Fo. 48*d* is blank. [5] *ad* or *in* is omitted.
[6] *Sic* : for *subtractione*. *Hospitalia* is here used as an alternative term for *familie*, i.e. the 'households' into which the convent was divided.

Domina Anna Bayfylde cantrix [dicit quod omnia sunt bene] et concordat *cum* priorissa et suppriorissa.

Domina Anna Preston dicit [quod omnia sunt bene et] concordat cum premissis.

Domina Cecilia Starke sacrista [dicit quod omnia sunt bene et] quod si hospitalia siue familie [subtraherentur] quod[1] tunc graue dispendium inde [eueniret] . . . . . Cum obbediencia humiliter supplicat vt maneant sicut prius ab antiquo solebant . . . . . amittere offic . . . . . est propter mortuariorum amicionem.

Domina . . . . .[2] cum summa humilitate exorat quatemus vt . . . .

Domina [Dorothea] Commerford concordat summa humilitate cum premissis.

Domina Elizabetha Napton dicit vt supra *peticione*[3] . . duc . . .
Domina Alicia Blackwall facit cum premissis.
Domina Elizabetha Stane[smo]r concordat cum premissis.
Domina Margeria Preston dicit vt supra.
Domina Katherina Wingate etiam dicit vt supra.
Domina Katherina Cornewallys idem.
Domina Margareta Nicolson dicit vt supra.
Domina Barbara Gray dicit idem.
Domina Alicia Bollwellys[4] dicit vt supra.

[fo. 49*d.*]
Domina Alicia Foster eque roborat idem.
Domina Elizabetha Shengler[5] dicit vt supra.
Domina Anna Erdes dicit idem.
Domina Elizabetha . . . . tacite professa } faciunt cum premissis.
Domina Margareta . . . . . tacite professa } faciunt cum premissis.

Que omnes et singule deuota obediencia summa cordis intencione reuerendum [patrem] supplicant quatenus sua hospitalia siue familie man[eant] sicut ab antiquo . . . . . solebant ad honorem dei ac monasterij . . . . . commodum et earum longeuam vitam atque vt magis deuote omnipot[enti seruiant] in diuinis.

Quibus vt supra peractis prorogat [a per eundem commissarium] est dicti reuerendi patris visitacio prout in sua honorabili commissione [continetur] vsque ad et in decimum diem mensis Julij proxime futurum et quemlibet diem juridicum infra ad [bene] placitum eiusdem reuerendi patris Lincolniensis [episcopi].[6]

[1] *Sic :* repeated.
[2] A name, probably *Elena Snowe*, interlined above something cancelled.
[3] Interlined above a word cancelled.
[4] *Sic.* Elsewhere called Bolles. [5] *Sic :* for *Seynt Clere.*
[6] All the above is in a small handwriting much blurred and almost illegible throughout.

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Elnestowe

ACTA HABITA IBIDEM IN DOMO CAPITULARI DIE MARTIS XXVIJ^{o} JUNIJ ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XXXJ^{mo} PER REUERENDUM PATREM LINCOLNIENSEM EPISCOPUM.

Abba*tissa*[1] et priorissa confesse sunt quod domicilia videlicet householdes frequentantur infra monasterium non obstantibus iniunccionibus reuerendi patris Lincolniensis episcopi factis , et quod ostia chori non sunt fabricata iuxta tenorem earundem iniunccionum.

Et subsequenter idem reuerendus pater pronunciauit dictam abbatissam contumacem , negligentem , inobedientem et suas iniuncciones contempsisse et in penam contumacie negligentie , inobedientie et contemptus huiusmodi ipsam ab ingressu ecclesie et ab execucione officij sui ad beneplacitum domini suspendit in scriptis.

Similique modo pronunciauit dominam Annam Wake contumacem, negligentem , inobedientem et iniuncciones suas contempsisse et[2] in penam etc . eandem officio priorisse dicti monasterij pro perpetuo priuauit in scriptis.

Ac dominam Ceciliam Starkey pro consimilibus ab officio sacriste quamdiu eidem reuerendo patri placuerit suspendit in scriptis.

Ac deinde dominam Elenam Snowe in priorissam dicti monasterij nominauit et eandem in priorissam in pleno capitulo tunc et ibidem admisit.

Et monuit abbatissam , et eandem priorissam , ac omnes moniales in domo capitulari[3] presentes quod hac septimana finita amplius in eodem momasterio domicilia[4] non foueant contra iniuncciones suas , sub pena excommunicacionis maioris.

Subsequenterque idem reuerendus pater dictam abbatissam a sentencia suspensionis ab ingressu ecclesie predicte absoluit ut sequitur.

[fo. 50*d*.]

In Dei nomine amen Nos [Johannes permis]sione [diuina Lincolniensis episcopus in hac parte rite et legitime] proceden[tes] te dominam Elizabetham Boyfeld , huius monasterij abbatissam , a sententia suspensionis ab ingressu ecclesie contra te pro contumacia negligentia et inobedientia ac contemptu tuis per nos

[1] Altered from *abbas*.
[2] A mark cancelled.
[3] Altered from *capitulares*.
[4] Altered from *domicelia*.

lata te absoluimus et sacramentis ecclesie te restituimus in hijs scriptis in nomine patris et filij etc.[1]

[fo. 51.]

Primo die mensis Julij anno domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo primo in domo capitulari monasterij de Elnestowe coram domino vicario generali comparuerunt moniales subscripte . et examinate dicunt vt sequitur . Quibus omnibus et singulis dominus primo declarauit quod reuerendus pater episcopus Lincolniensis ex certis causis remouebat antiquam priorissam dominam Wayke et nominauit in loco capitulari ac deputauit dominam Snawe in priorissam ibidem ; quod omnes et singuli[2] fatebantur . deinde respondebant ut sequitur.

Domina *Matildis*[3] Shelton subpriorissa examinata quare exiuit capitulum die Mercurij vltimo preterito[4] contra mandatum abbatisse dicit quod exiuit pro causa necessaria corporis sui [et] quod nesciebat recessum aliarum monialium et causam . . . . eiusdem priusquam videbat easdem in dormitorio.

Domina Margareta Nicolson interrogata an recessit de domo capitulari , fatetur quod recessit because she wold not consent that my lady Snawe shulde be prioress . et dicit that ther was none that ded[5] councell hir to goo . [Also] she sais that my lady abbes ded commaunde them [to] tary (that notwithstandyng) they went forth . . . . nouys folowynge , the Subpriores , domina Cecilia Sterkey , domina Anna Priston , domina Alicia Blackwall , domina Margeria Pryston[6] , domina Barbara Gray , domina Alicia Bowlis , domina Alicia Foster , et domina Elizabethe Synkeler.

[fo. 51*d.*]

Domina Barbera Gray interrogata yf she ded aske licence of my lady abbes to wryte letters to hir frendes . she sais that she ded aske lycens to wryte to hir frendes , and my Lady abbes saide , yf ye showe me what ye wryte I am content , and she saide agene , J haue done my devoi[r] to aske licence , and yf ye wyll nedes see itt I wyll wryte no letters.

Interrogata an recessit de domo capitulari . fatetur . that yf it wer to doo agene she wolde soo doo . And thofe [my lor]de ded commaunde my lady Snawe to be priores , she sais that she cannot fynde in hir hert to obbey hir as priores , and that she wyll rather goo out of the howse (by my lordes licence) or she wyll obbey her . She sais that ther was none ded councell hir [to] goo forthe of the Chapitor howse, and that she wyll neuer obbey hir as priores ,

[1] The sentence of suspension, here revoked, is given below, p. 133.
[2] *Sic.*
[3] Interlined above *Alicia* cancelled.
[4] I.e. 14 Dec.
[5] *Sic :* for *did.*
[6] Margery Preston is not mentioned in the list of nuns.

for hir hert cannot serue hir. But sayde she wyll shewe noo cause att thys tyme wherfor she cannot love hir, saynge that the priores makes euery faute a dedly syne , and . . . gys euery one of them yll excepte hir selfe, and [if she] doo take an oppynyon she wyll kepe itt [whether] itt be ryght or weronge.[1]

Marg*eria*[2] Preston interrogata an recessit de domo capitulari dicit quod recessit with other of hir susters , and she says that she went forthe of the Chapter howse because the priores was put forthe of hir offes , and[3] for noo males that she beris to my lady Snawe and[4] [fo. 52] and she sais that she ys well content to obbey my lady Snawe as priores . And she desiers my lord to be good lord to the olde priores because of hir aige.

Domina Cecillia Sterkey interrogata an recessit de domo capitulari dicit that she went forthe of the Chaptor howse , but she sais she gave noo occacion to eny of hir susters to goe forthe . And says she knewe not howe many of hir susters went forthe whyls[5] she come intoo the dorter , saynge that she cannot fynde in hir hert nor wyll not acepte and take my lady Snawe as priores.

Domina Alicia Foster interrogata an recessit de domo capitulari dicit quod recessit . and sais that they war commandid by the abbes to tare styll . But she and other went forth because the olde priores was put done[6] wrongfully . and my lady Snawe put in agenst ther wylles , saynge that she wyll neuer agre to hir as long as she livys . She says the subpriores went forthe of the Chapitor howse fyrst , and then she and other folowyde.

Domina Alicia Bowlis interrogata yf she ded aske lycence of the abbes to wryte , she sais she ded aske licens to wryte , and my lady abbes seyde , My lord hathe gevyn vs soo strate commaundement that none shuld wryte without ye shewe it to me what ye doo wryte / And she sais she mayde avnswer agene to thabbes , It hathe not bene soo in tymis past and I haue done my dewty . J wyll not wryte nowe at this tyme / Jnterrogata an recessit [fo. 52*d*] de domo capitulari / fatetur quod recessit , but she says that nobody ded moue hyr to goo forthe / She says that she must nedes nowe obbey the priores at my lordes commaundement , saynge that my lady Snawe ys not mete for that offes , butt she wolde shewe noo cause wherfor.

Domina Anna Preston dicit that she wyll neuer agre to my lady Snawe to be priores . and that she and other went out of the Chapitor howse be cause she wolde not agre nor consent to haue hir *to be*[7] priores . and she wyll neuer take hir as priores as longe as[8] the olde priores levys . She sais that the subpriores went forthe

[1] *Sic.* [2] Altered from *Margareta.* [3] *not* cancelled.
[4] *Sic.* [5] I.e. *until.* [6] I.e. *down.*
[7] Interlined with caret above *as* cancelled. [8] *she* cancelled.

of the Chaptor howse fyrst and they all that went forthe ded folowe hir.

Domina Elizabeth Synclere dicit quod[1] exiuit Capitulum because my lady Snawe was mayde priores agenst ther [will and] tholde priores vnlawfully putt out / And says she wyll neuer take my lady Snawe as priores soo longe as the other levys , saynge that she wyll take tholde priores as priores as longe as she levys and no other / And she says yf my lord commaunde vs to take my lady Snawe to be priores she had lever goo forthe of the howse to sum other place and wyll not[2] tare ther.

Domina Anna Erdes dicit that my lord ded not commaunde vs to take my lady Snawe as priores / but he said , Yf ye wyll not take hir as prires / I wyll make hir priores my selfe / She sais she was one of them that went forthe [fo. 53] of the Chaptor howse . because my lady Snawe is not abull to be priores , seynge that they war wont to have the priores chosyn by the abbes and the conuent and not by my lord after seynte Bennetes rule , and that she wyll take my lady Snawe as priores as other wyll doo and noo othervays /

Domina Alicia Blackewall dicit that she was one of them that went forthe of the Chaptor howse , because the olde priores was put out of hir offes / for she sais after ther custom and ther rule of seynte Bennet the priores shulde have bene electe by the abbes and the conuent and not by my lord.

Domina Katherina Cornewellys dicit that she was goyng forthe of the Chapitor howse with other of hir susters , and then when she herde my lady abbes commaunde them to tary , she ded tary behynde ; but she sais that she thynkes that none of the oder susters that went forthe ded here hyr but onely she / And she is sory that tholde priores ys put out of hir offes / She says that my lady Abbes ded tare styll and domina Alicia Boyfelde , domina[3] Snawe , domina Katherina Wyngayte , domina Dorethea Commarforthe , domina Elizabethe Nepton et domina Elizabeth Stanysmore.

Domina Abbatissa dicit that on seynte pet[er's day at] matens accordyng to the costom of the ho[use] . . .[4] my lady Bowlis and other to stande . . . . . [fo. 53*d*] and went out of hir stall to byde them soo doo . And lady Bowlis ded make hir awnswer agene that ye haue mayde hir priores that mayde yov abbes / brekyng hir silence ther . Dicta Bowlis fatetur quod sic dixit. /

Deinde dominus . cancellarius post merediem fecit vocari in dicto[5] domo capitulari omnes et singulas moneales dicte domus ; quibus ibidem comparentibus iniunxit penitenciam sequentem dictis Barbare Gray et Alicie[6] Bowlis propter earundem inobbedienciam.

[1] *exsiu* cancelled. [2] *take hir* altered and cancelled. [3] *A* cancelled.
[4] *th* cancelled. [5] *Sic :* for *dicta*. [6] *P* cancelled.

In primis that they shulde boothe kepe sylence as sylence awght to be kepyde by the religion.

Item he commaunde[1] them boothe that nother of them shulde cum within the howse calde the Misericorde[1] , and that they shulde haue ther refections in the frater and in noo other place.

Item that nother of them shulde wryte eny letters to [eny] person or persons nor cause to be wrytten whyls they [wait] my lordes forder pleasor / Et mandauit vtreque[2] [earund]em sub pena excommunicationis obseruare dictas Jniunctio[nes et agere p]enitenciam donec et quousque reuerendus pater [episcopus Linc]olniensis easdem iniunctiones relaxauerit /

[. . . . eod]em modo *et* sub eadem pena he commaunded the sayde ij ladys . . . . . west and to kepe the lawest place of all ther susters . . . . . qwere , processions , and in other placys.

[fo. 54.]

. . . . . Jniunccit[3] domine abbatisse vt faceret dictas iniunctiones fideliter obseruari.

Deinde dominus monuit omnes et singulas moneales vt decetero sint obbedientes domine abbatisse et eciam domine priorisse nuper electe per dictum reuerendum patrem episcopum Lincolniensem / Quibus omnibus et singulis sic gestis , dictus dominus vicarius generalis ex certis causis vt asseruit continuauit visitacionem dicti reuerendi patris pendentem vsque in vigeliam Omnium Sanctorum proxime sequentem[4] et ad quamlibet diem citra.

xx^mo^ Julij anno predicto in domo capitulari monasterij predicti antedictus reuerendus pater iudicialiter sedens admonuit omnes et singulas moniales eiusdem monasterij adtunc presentes ipsis que omnibus et singulis sub pena excommunicacionis iniunxit ut decetero acceptarent antedictam dominam Elenam Snowe in priorissam monasterij predicti eidem que obedinent iuxta regulas sancti Benedicti et quemadmodum suis predecessoribus obedientes fuerunt.

[fo. 54d.] Blank.

[fo. 55.]

In Dei nomine amen . Nos Johannes permissione diuina Lincolniensis episcopus in hac parte rite et legitime procedentes te dominam Elizabeth Boyfeld huius monasterij abbatissam propter culpam et negligentiam [tu]am in non exequendo et obseruando iniunctiones nostras legitimas[5] tibi in hac parte per nos auctoritate nostra ordinaria legitime factas et penes te remanentes pronunciamus te[6] contumacem negligentem et inobedientem [et]

[1] *Sic.*
[2] *Sic :* for *vtrique.*
[3] *Sic :* for *iniunxit.*
[4] 31 October.
[5] *v* cancelled.
[6] *Sic :* repeated.

huiusmodi iniuncciones nostras expresse cotempnentem[1] , et in penam contumacie negligentie[2] inobedientie et contemptus tuorum te ab ingressu ecclesie ac ab execucione officij tui in eodem monasterio ad nostrum beneplacitum et q[uamdiu] nobis placuerit suspendimus in hijs scriptis.

Similique modo procedentes te dominam Annam Wake , priorissam huiusmodi monasterij pretensam , propter culpam et negligentiam tuas in non exequendo et obseruando iniuncciones nostras legitimas auctoritate nostra ordinaria tibi in hac parte factas pronunciamus contumacem , negligentem et inobedientem ac h[uiusmodi] iniuncciones nostras expresse contempsisse ; et [in penam] contumacie , negligentie , inobedientie et con[temptus] tuorum huiusmodi , te officio priorisse in dicto monasterio pro perpetuo[3] priuamus[4] in hijs scriptis.

[fo. 55*d*.]

Similique modo procedentes te dominam Ceciliam Starkey sacristam huius monasterij propter culpam[5] necligentiam et contemptum tuos in non obseruando iniuncciones nostras legitimas in hac parte factas , set contra easdem domicilium infra monasterium predictum temere *fouisse*[6] pronunciamus contumacem , negligentem , inobedientem , et iniuncciones nostras legitimas huiusmodi contempnentem , et in penam huiusmodi contumacie , negligentie , inobedientie et contemptus te ab officio sacriste in eodem monasterio quamdiu nobis placuerit suspendimus in hijs scriptis.

Octauo Julij anno domini millesimo quingentesimo xxx^mo^ dominus iniunxit domine Alicie[7] Comberford moniali de Elenestowe pro violatione [silen]cij in choro et verbositate sua nimis coram eodem ac [iniunc]cionibus quas in eadem percepit[8] quod peteret veniam a singulis [soror]ibus suis . Qua petita iniunxit eidem quod singulis sextis ferijs [ieiun]aret in pane et potu tantum nisi infirmitas impedierit sub pena . . . . . et Juris , ac quod deinceps obseruaret silentium iuxta regulas . . . . . et laudabiles consuetudines monasterij , nec exeat ecclesiam [claustrum re]fectorium domum capitularem et dormitorium.

[Iniunxit] omnibus monialibus presentibus quod reformarent . . . . .[9] super capita earundem citra confirmacionem future [abbatisse] eiusdem monasterij secundum certam formam eis specificatam.

[1] *Sic.* [2] *&* cancelled.
[3] Written imperpetuo : *im* cancelled. [4] *&* cancelled.
[5] *et* cancelled. [6] Interlined above the same word cancelled.
[7] *Sic* : for *Dorothee.* [8] *Sic* : for *precepit.*
[9] Some kind of head-dress then fashionable in the monastery is meant.

XIX

ETON COLLEGE

1. A, fo. 41.
2. L. fo. 64.

1

Eton collegium

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM IN ECCLESIA COLLEGIATA DIE LUNE XXIIJ^cio^ MAII ANNO 1519no PER REUERENDUM IN CHRISTO PATREM DOMINUM WILLELMUM ATWATER DEI GRACIA LINCOLNIENSEM EPISCOPUM.

Prouideatur quod vestimenta pro diebus ferialibus preparata sint et conseruentur munda et integra non lacerata /

Fiant reformationes ne pueri schole grammaticales deinceps vtantur soltularibus[1] superius nimium apertis aut circumcisis.

Prouideatur quod sint pluries[2] clerici[3] psallentes antiphonam beate Marie singulis diebus post vesperas[4] . Sunt aliquando ibidem iij et iiij dumtaxat presentes aliis interim ludentibus.

Memorandum . pro numero choristarum.

2

[Eton]

DIE LUNE XVIJ^o^ OCTOBRIS ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO [XXX^mo^ CORAM MAGISTRO] HENRICO MORGAN LEGUM DOCTORE

[1] *Sic :* for *sotularibus.* [2] *Sic :* for *plures.* [3] *ph* cancelled.

[4] The usual custom in collegiate churches at the end of the day. Cf. the statutes of the college of chantry priests at Sibthorpe, Notts., 1342–43 (York Reg. Zouche, fo. 102d) : Completorio vero diei et de beata Maria expletis, ut cursus diei fine laudabili concludatur , volumus quod singulis diebus post hoc maiori campana ter tinniente solempniter cantetur ab omnibus in dicta capella b. M. genuflexis hec antiphona *Mater ora filium* . Postea premisso dicto versiculo de b. M. et b. Anna, viz. Ave Maria ut supra , dicatur hec oracio per ebdomadarium se superius erigentem : Deus qui sine materno dolore de matre tua dulcissima in lucem prodiens castitatis eius illesa signacula custodisti , da nobis famulis tuis per intercessionem matris tue gloriose mundiciam mentis et corporis et huius loci deuocionem ampliorem , ut ad laudem matris crescat hic filii gloria et nos agnum sequentes sine macula te filium cum matre tua leti videamus in patria per Christum dominum nostrum amen . The directions in the statutes of the college of Cotterstock, Northants, confirmed 16 Jan. 1343–44 (Lincoln Reg. VI, fo. 61d), are similar : inmediate post completorium singulis diebus campana primitus ter tinniente cantetur ab ipsis omnibus in choro primitus genuflexis hec antiphona *Mater ora filium* , preterquam in paschali tempore , tunc enim cantetur antiphona *Regina celi letare* illius loco . Postea premisso aliquo versiculo de b. M. dicatur hec oracio de ipsa per ebdomodarium se superius erigentem : Deus [etc. as before] . . . dulcissima et virgine Maria . . . . gloria iam incepta et nos . . . . patria qui uiuis et regnas , uel oracio *Graciam tuam quesumus domine* uel alia aliqua oracio conueniens. Cf. also the directions in the statutes of the college of Fotheringhay for the recitation of *Salve regina* nightly at 7 p.m. The Founder's statute for Eton (30) is summarised by Maxwell-Lyte, *Hist. Eton Coll.*, 4th ed., 1911, p. 584.

COMMISSARIO REUERENDI P[ATRIS . . .] IN CANCELLO ECCLESIE COLLEGIATE DE ETON IUDICIALITER SEDENTE ET [DICTUM] COLLEGIUM AUCTORITATE ET MANDATO DICTI REUERENDI PATRIS VISITANTE COMPARUERUNT SUBSCRIPTE.[1]

Magister Rogerus Lupton prepositus[2] dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

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Magister Thomas Mawnfeld[3] dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

Magister Simon Benyson[4] dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

Magister Bartholomeus Michell[5] dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

Magister Thomas Hunton[6] dicit quod prepositus . . . . sedet in . . . . aula , cuius pretextu scolastici impediun[tur] . . . . . s et studio . . . . . maioribus grauatur expensis.

Dicit etiam quod Johannes Buttler prouisor vill . . . . . s emit esculenta[7] collegij absque societate et . . . . . loc . . princip . . . . . et est aliquantis per suspectus quod non est vtilis collegio.

. . . . . etiam frequenter . . . . . in villa.

[fo. 64*d*.]

Magister Oliuerus Stonyng[8] dicit quod pincerna est negligens et inutilis mittendo seruitiam[9] in villam.

Esculenta minus sufficienter multocies preparantur negligencia cocorum.

Pincerna ministrat seruitiam in ollis et vasis immundis et sordidis.

Officiarius[10] semel in mense mutat libros quos legit suis discipulis

[1] *Sic :* for *subscripti*.

[2] Fellow of Eton coll. 16 Feb., provost 27 Feb., 1502–3. B. Can. Law, Camb. and rector of Harlton, co. Camb., 1483. Canon of Windsor 24 Nov., 1500 ; prebendary of Centum Solidorum in Lincoln 18 Sept., 1525, and of Caistor 17 July, 1528 ; d. 25 Feb., 1539–40, buried in his chantry chapel at Eton. Founder of Sedbergh school and benefactor of St. John's coll., Camb. See Cooper, *Ath. Cant.* I, 71, 72 ; Le Neve II, 127, 130, III, 390).

[3] Fellow of Oriel coll., Oxon., 1513–1522, of Eton coll. 7 Dec., 1521 ; B.A. Oxon., 1512–13 ; M.A. Camb. by incorporation 1516 ; B.D. 1526. See Foster, *Alumni Oxon.*, 1500–1714, s.v. Manfield.

[4] Fellow of Magdalen coll., Oxon., 1516, of Eton coll. 1524 ; B.A. 1513–14 ; M.A. 1518 ; B.D. 1534 ; sacrist and chantry priest of Wimborne minster in 1535. See *ibid.* s.v. Benson.

[5] Fellow of Exeter coll., Oxon., 1520–1527, of Eton coll. 11 Jan., 1526–7 ; M.A. 1521 ; B.D. 1533 ; rector of Ludgvan, Cornwall. Foster, *op. cit.*

[6] Fellow of New coll. 1516–1524, of Eton coll, 1529 (Foster says 'perhaps'), B.A. 1521 ; M.A. 1525 Foster, *op. cit.*

[7] Part of a word cancelled.

[8] B.A. Oxon., 1513–14, M.A. 1517 ; B.D. (Stonne) 1534 ; fellow of Eton coll. 1530 ; canon of Lichfield 1546, depr. 1554. Foster, *op. cit.* gives a list of his parochial benefices, none of which he seems to have held at this date.

[9] I.e. *ceruisiam.*

[10] Interlined above *Pedagogus* cancelled.

et sic scolastici non perfecte legunt neque plenarie aliquem librum seu authorum[1] in preiuditium eorundem.

Festum Nominis Jhesu et Transfiguratio non seruantur in collegio Nec habent aliquod seruitium de eisdem infra collegium , Nec habent aliquam commemoracionem sancti Hugonis.[2]

Capellani.

Dominus Willelmus Dent capellanus dicit quod omnia bene disponuntur.

Dominus Rogerus Lutt dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

Dominus Johannes Kytchyn capellanus dicit quod non habent seruitium de Nomine Jhesu neque de Transfiguracione ob defectum librorum.

Dominus Alexander Philipe dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

Dominus Willelmus Tubman dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

Dominus Willelmus Straunton dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

Dominus [Tho]mas Cawde dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

Dominus [Jo]hannes Bellingfeld dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

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Magister Ricardus Cox informator scolasticorum[3] dicit quod pueri . . . . . mittuntur in villam ad expensas et onera parentum suorum.

Item quod panes puerorum sunt valde parui videlicet ther loves , et quod . . . . tenuissimum et insalubre . . . pluribus vicibus.

Pueri diu sedent in refeccionibus.

Magister Edmundus Johnson ostiarius dicit quod omnia sunt bene.

[1] *Sic*, possibly for *authorem*. But the genitive plural may have been intended, 'any one of the authors.'

[2] Of these two feasts, observed on two successive days, that of the name of Jesus (7 August) seems to have received special attention in England and to have been kept as a greater double with an octave in the later years of the 15th cent. The Sarum Pie in 1495 notes it as *novum festum cum octavis et cum regimine chori* (*Direct. Sacerd.* [Hen. Bradshaw Soc.] II, 600, 659 etc.), and to this period belong such dedications as those of Jesus college at Rotherham and at Cambridge. The popularity of the feast of the Transfiguration (6 August) was greatly increased by the order of Calixtus III (see *Cal. Papal Letters* XI, 58*n*.) for its universal observance in memory of the victory of John of Hunyad over the Turks at Belgrade, 6 Aug., 1456. For the *novum festum Nominis Jhesu*, cf. below, p. 189. This, however, was not observed outside England : the early history of the feast is somewhat obscure, and the Roman festival was instituted on 14 Jan. by Clement VII in 1530 at the request of the Franciscans, and approved by Paul III (*Miss. Rom.* [Hen. Bradshaw Soc.] II, 336, 337).

[3] *q* cancelled. Richard Cox was fellow of King's coll., Camb., 1519, incorp. B.A. Oxon., 1525 ; M.A. 1525–6 ; incorp. D.D. 1545 ; canon of Cardinal coll. 1525 ; dean of Oseney 1543–1546, of Ch. Ch., Oxon., 1546–1553 ; archdeacon of Ely 1540, preb. Ely 1541 ; preb. of Sutton Bucks in Lincoln 1542–1547 ; dean of Westminster 1549–1553 ; bishop of Norwich 1559, of Ely 1559 ; died 22 July, 1581. Other details, with authorities, are given by Foster, *op. cit.* s.v. Coxe.

Ac die et loco predictis idem commissarius premissis[1] public[atis] dissoluit huiusmodi visitacionem huiusmodi[2] reseruando potestatem . . . . . reuerendo patri Lincolniensi episcopo transmittendi iniunciones et reformandi [omnia] et singula premissa etc.[3]

XX

EYNSHAM ABBEY

1. A. fo. 91.

2. A. fo. 123.

VISITACIO MONASTERIJ BEATE MARIE VIRGINIS DE EYNESHAM ORDINIS SANCTI BENEDICTI LINCOLNIENSIS DIOCESEOS EXERCITA IBIDEM DIE MERCURIJ VIGILIA CORPORIS CHRISTI X^mo^ VIDELICET DIE JUNIJ ANNO DOMINI M^o^CCCC^mo^XVIJ^mo^ PER MAGISTRUM RICARDUM ROSTON DOMINI WILLELMI ATTWATER LINCOLNIENSIS EPISCOPI CANCELLARIUM.

Monachi monasterij diebus quibus[4] comedunt in refectorio deberent abstinere ab esu carnium ex institucione diui Benedicti / et tamen monachi commedentes in refectorio commedunt carnes contra regulam sancti Benedicti et contra tenorem dispensacionis pro esu carnium eisdem concesse . Dominus vicarius generalis iniunxit monachis omnibus quod abstinerent a carnibus in refectorio et iniunxit domino abbati[5] quod ipse hanc iniunctionem faceret obseruari.

Fiat iniunccio monachis quod illis diebus quibus ex consuetudine monasterij seu de licencia superioris habent recreationes exeundo et ambulando extra monasterium / non veniant in villam de Eynesham sine licencia *speciali* domini abbatis neque ibidem ludant ad taxillos[6] seu alios ludos indecentes / sed[7] omnes exeuntes simul exeant et reuertantur honeste et sobrie ante vesperas inchoandas / Iniunctum est vt[8] prescribitur sub penis perdicionis stipendij dimidij quarterij anni et est iniunctum abbati quod hoc videat perimpleri.

Fiat iniunccio ne aliqui ex monachis junioribus gramaticam cantum seu aliud quicquid addiscant / quousque psalterium

[1] A word cancelled.
[2] *Sic* : repeated.
[3] Fo. 65*d* is blank.
[4] *abist* cancelled.
[5] The abbot, Thomas Chaundler, had been elected in the same year, in succession to Miles Salley, bishop of Llandaff, who died between 29 Nov., 1516, and 22 Jan., 1516–17, and is buried in the Gaunts (now Lord Mayor's Chapel) at Bristol. An autograph letter from Wolsey to Atwater, undated, recommends 'Dr. Chandellor' for the vacant post, as 'the flower of Saint Benet's order' (*L. & P. Hen. VIII*, XII (1), no. 2724, p. 809).
[6] I.e. dice.
[7] *cun* cancelled.
[8] *preced* cancelled.

corditenus recordauerint et eciam impnos ac alia officia perfecte sciuerint . Est iniunctum domino abbati vt prerecitatur et est iniunctum domino abbati quod hoc faciat perimpleri. /

Fiat eciam iniunccio quod non admittantur alique mulieres saltem suspecte ad consorcium aliquorum monachorum intra septa monasterý et quod mulieres ex quibus poterit aliqua suspicio haberi nullo modo habeant aliquem accessum ad monasterium . Est iniunctum omnibus monachis ne admittant tales mulieres ad se[1] / et iniungitur abbati quod hoc faciat perimpleri. /

Contigit quod duabus noctibus , licet maior pars conuentus fuerit in choro in tempore matutinarum , non tamen habuerunt matutinas[2] ex hoc quod presidens capituli adtunc non fuit ibidem et alias impeditus . Alij monachi ibidem presentes ob inuidiam presidentis matutinas dicere recusauerunt . Dominus vicarius generalis iniunxit omnibus monachis et precipue presidenti ne deinceps vllo modo deficiant aliqua nocte in matutinarum decantacione / et iniunxit abbati quod hoc faciat perimpleri.

[fo. 91*d*.]

Dominus Jacobus Asshendon precentor *ibidem* dicit quod portuarius[3] habet duas filias valde dissolutas et suspectas que multotiens frequentant monasterium et ea occasione *magnum*[4] insurgit scandalum ; et *iste* rogauit pro[5] Waltero[6] *Harberd* apostata.

Eciam dicit quod subprior habet tria officia videlicet[7] subprioratum conquinatum et capilaniam[8] , que quidem officia secundum statuta dicti monasterij non potest licite occupare.

Dominus Johannes Bury sacerdos rogauit pro domino Waltero *Harborough*[9] apostosia[10] , et dicit quod prior et subprior ibidem multotiens visitant villam.

Dominus Thomas Lovell sacerdos dicit quod portuarius habet duas filias male famatas *et sepius frequentant monasterium*[11] , et rogauit pro domino domino[12] Waltero Horburgh *apostata*[13] . Et insuper dicit quod prior , supprior et tercius prior multociens se absentant a matutinis et presertim in tempore *quadragesime vltimo preterito* , videlicet a prima dominica quadragesime vsque ad diem parasciue[14] , et eciam quod prior ibidem multotiens wult ebriare et tunc wult garrulare et scandalizare[15] et diffamat fratres suos ;

[1] *strecr* (?) cancelled. [2] *q* above line. [3] *Sic :* for *portarius*.
[4] Interlined above *multum* cancelled. [5] Something cancelled.
[6] *Harburgh apostosta* cancelled. [7] *coqui* cancelled.
[8] *Sic :* the office of abbot's chaplain is meant.
[9] Interlined above *Hardwell* cancelled. [10] *Sic :* for *apostata*.
[11] *ad vetuperium tocius monasterij* cancelled.
[12] *Sic*. [13] Interlined above *apostata* cancelled.
[14] I.e. from 1 March to 10 April, 1517.
[15] *cum fratribus suis* cancelled.

et *iste* eciam fatetur quod ipse erat causa quod non habuerunt matutinas per duas noctes eo quod presidentes non *ibidem* fuerunt presentes vt tenentur.

Dominus Georgius Addyrbury sacerdos dicit quod non habuerunt matutinas per duas noctes eo quod presidentes capituli non fuerunt presentes.

Dominus Nicholaus Welles supprior et coquinarius dicit quod non habuerunt matutinas per duas noctes racione domini Thome Lowell , et *iste* negat introitum domini Walteri Harburgh quia dicit ipsum fore male dispositum.

fo. 92.

Dominus Thomas Spoford sacerdos dicit sicut prius dictum *est* de filiabus portuarij , et rogauit pro domino Waltero Harburgh.

Dominus Jacobus Myner subdiaconus dicit omnia bene preter quod rogauit pro dicto domino Waltero Harburgh.

Dominus Ricardus Braye subsacrista dicit omnia bene.

Dominus Thomas Mounsbury[1] diaconus dicit omnia bene : rogat pro domino Waltero Harburgh[2] apostata.

Dominus Willelmus Durham tercius prior dicit sicut prius dictum est de filiabus portuarij , et eciam dicit quod prior ibidem wult aliquando ebriare.

Dominus Johannes Hastrope accolitus dicit omnia bene , et rogauit pro domino Waltero Harburgh apostosia.[3]

Dominus Thomas Knolles accolitus dicit quod non habent magistrum ad instruendum *et docendum* gramaticam ibidem , et rogauit pro domino Waltero Harburgh.[4]

Dominus Johannes Boston succentor dicit omnia bene.

Dominus Johannes Ensham dicit omnia bene.

Dominus Edmundus Charelbury dicit omnia bene , et dicit quod carent magistro ad docendum gramaticam.[5]

xj^{mo} die Junij anno predicto dominus vicarius generalis visitacionem ibidem dissoluit /

fo. 93*d*. [Written on leaf reversed.]

xj^{mo} die mensis Junij anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} xvij^{mo} dominus vicarius generalis in domo capitulari monasterij de Eynesham tempore visitacionis ibidem iniunxit domino Thome Lovell quod ipse extunc[6] seruabit se in claustro , ecclesia , dormitorio , et in refectorio continue commedet , alibi non commedendo neque

[1] At the next visitation the name appears as Malmesbury.
[2] *apostosia* cancelled. [3] *Sic.*
[4] In margin : *Nota pro magistro ad docendum grammaticam.*
[5] *Nota* in margin. [6] *s* left uncancelled before *extunc*.

ea loca egrediendo quousque aliud a domino Lincolniensi episcopo habeat in mandatis . Hec sibi iniuncta fuerunt in virtute obediencie.[1]

2

Eynesham

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM PER DOMINUM WILLELMUM ATWATER EPISCOPUM LINCOLNIENSEM DIE VLTIMO DIE[2] APRILIS ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XX^mo^.

Exhibito primo per dominum abbatem certificatorio in litteris sigillo suo et illo per me notarium perlecto , ac preconisatis omnibus fratribus et illis comparentibus (Johanne Selwod apostata dumtaxat excepto) dominus Episcopus Lincolniensis exhortacionem saluberimam fecit eisdem tunc ibidem.[3]

Nomina monachorum

Dominus Henricus Rading abbas
Dominus Edwardus Westmynster prior
Dominus Jacobus Assenden precentor
Dominus Thomas Lovell supprior et coquinarius
Dominus[4] Georgius Adderbury sacerdos
Dominus Nicholaus Wellys scholaris
Dominus Jacobus Minor[5] sacrista et scrutator
Dominus Thomas Spoforth sacerdos
Dominus Ricardus Bray sacerdos
Dominus Thomas Malmesbury succentor
Dominus Willelmus Durham tercius prior , ortulanus
Dominus Johannes Astrope subdiaconus
Dominus Thomas Knollys subdiaconus

[1] On fo. 96*d* is the unfinished entry:
Oxon Visitacio.
Acta apud Eynesham.
Comperta visitacionis religiosorum archi[diaconatus Oxoniensis].

[2] *Sic.*

[3] This was a personal visitation by the bishop. Since the visitation by the vicar-general in 1517 Thomas Chaundeler had been succeeded by Henry Rading (i.e. Reading). Of the fifteen monks who had appeared in 1517 only two are now missing, viz. John Bury and Edmund Charlbury. The precentor and third prior remain as in 1517, the latter also holding the office of gardener. Wellys, then subprior and kitchener, is at his studies at the university, and his offices are filled by Lovell, who had incurred punishment for insubordination. Malmesbury is succentor in the place of Boston. Bray holds no office in the list, but appears to be novice-master, while Myner is sacrist and scrutator. The new names are Westmynster, the prior, and Edmund Eton. The list of nineteen monks in 1535 (*Val. Eccl.* II, 212), when Anthony Dunston was abbot, includes seven names from 1519: Eton is prior, Adderbury subprior, Wellys precentor, Malmesbury almoner, Astrope 'sexden' or sacrist. Knollys and Eynesham are also left. At the surrender of the monastery, 4 Dec., 1538, when there were ten monks, Eton was still prior (*L. & P. Hen. VIII*, XIII (ii), no. 989, p. 425). He appears as Ranysforde in the pensions list in 1539, in which family surnames take the place of surnames. Of the others, only Thomas Knolles can be identified with certainty (*ibid.* XIV (i), no. 105, p. 42).

[4] *Jo* cancelled.

[5] The name seems to be written *Mior.*

Dominus Johannes Boston diaconus
Dominus Johannes Eynesham subdiaconus
Dominus Edmundus Eton subdiaconus
Dominus Johannes Selwod recessit in apostasiam et nescitur in quibus partibus moratur seu reperietur.

Monachi habent ecclesias parrochiales eis annexas et appropriatas[1]

Eynesham	Meryton	Norton bruyne	Karsington
Newenton	Chorlebury	Suth Stoke	Yerdington
Sancte Ebbe oxon.			Histon Elien.
			Tedbury
			Mykelton

Valor

Habent in redditibus et rectorijs cccclxix li. ij s.[2]

Dominus Thomas Spoforth est nimium rixosus inter confratres suos . Non est pacificus , quietus neque caritatiuus inter eosdem / nec est obediens superioribus suis.

Fratres non sedent in refectorio bini et bini vt deberent , sed ibidem sedent omnes simul nec debite seruant ibidem silencium / Iniunctum est quod amodo hoc reformetur.

Soror domini abbatis moram faciens infra procinctum monasterij est nimis onerosa monasterio, et creditur quod ipsa soror abbatis sumptibus monasterij sustentatur cum pluribus suis consanguineis vt dicitur ad summam cxl li. per annum in detrimentum monasterij / Iniunctum est quod abbas *cum* consanguineis suis non onerabit monasterium , et dominus voluit quod ipsa soror abbatis adheret[3] consorcio mariti sui /

Ricardus[4] filius sororis domini abbatis est grauator monasterij et habet custodiam omnium granorum et ea disponit ad suum libitum , et ipse vltima ebdomada vt dicitur accepit ad suum vsum quindecim quarteria brasij / Plures ex fratribus allegauerunt hunc articulum non esse verum / dominus tamen voluit quod hoc emendaretur /

Dominus abbas[5] exhibet in vniuersitate Oxon . scholarem quemdam Wallicum , et ipse scholaris recipit redditus omnimodos

[1] The parish churches named are Eynsham, South Newington, St. Ebbe's in Oxford, Merton, Charlbury, Brize Norton, South Stoke, Cassington, Yarnton, all in Oxfordshire, Histon St. Etheldreda's in Cambridgeshire, Tetbury and Mickleton in Gloucestershire. Of these South Newington (Newentone Iewelle) and South Stoke (Stoke Abbatis) were appropriated in 1399, when a vicarage was ordained in South Stoke, that in South Newington being ordained in 1413 (see *Eynsham Cart.* [Oxford Hist. Soc.] II, 180, 183–186). Merton was appropriated in 1357 (*ibid.* II, 114–118), Charlbury in 1293, vicarage ordained 1296 (*ibid.* I, 344 ; II, xxxi), Brize Norton c. 1268 (*ibid.* II, xxiii), Cassington c. 1198 (*ibid.* I, 46, 47 ; II, xxiv). A vicarage was ordained in Yarnton in 1235 (*ibid.* II, lxxiii). Histon was appropriated in 1268 (*ibid.* II, li), Tetbury c. 1361 (*ibid.* II, lxx, 108), Mickleton in 1351, vicarage ordained 1352 (*ibid.* II, 110–114).

[2] In *V.E.* II, 212, the net sum of receipts is given as £421 16s. 1¾d.

[3] *Sic :* for *adhereat.* [4] Blank left for surname. [5] *habet* cancelled.

in villa Oxon . pertinentes monasterio de Eynesham et de illis non computat / sed pro suo libito eosdem redditus disponit / Ipse scholaris computat et prestitit propter hoc fideiussores.

Dominus abbas non reddit computum administracionis suc . Iniunctum est quod deinceps reddat computum.

Dominus abbas vt dicitur vendidit boscum apud Stoke[1] et alibi modo excessiuo et ad magnas pecuniarum summas / Iniunctum est ne deinceps vendat boscum nisi cum consensu fratrum.

Thomas Spoforth est communis obiurgator cum fratribus suis et communis confabulator / et occasione fabularum suarum et mendaciorum suorum suscitat rixas inter confratres / et inter abbatem et monachos / et illo pretextu fratres plerumque[2] sunt extra caritatem , Iniunctum est Spoforth quod ipse stet in infimo loco chori , capituli et alias et infimus habeatur [vsque ad] proximam ordinariam visitacionem , et quod silencium seruet vsque dominicam Trinitatis proximam et deinde singulis ferijs per annum , et quod seruet loca claustralia videlicet ecclesiam , claustrum , dormitorium et refectorium vsque . . . . prox . . et quod in singulis capitulis vsque . . . . . .

fo. 123*d*.

Dominus Jacobus Ashenden precentor habet magnos labores circa scripturam scedularum et brevium pro animabus defunctorum ad diuersa loca illius religionis destinandorum , et ipse emit pergamenum et encaustum pro eisdem ad illius grandes sumptus et[3] nichil habet *idem* pro laboribus nec pro pergameno / haberet tamen[4] . Fiat remedium . Iniunctum est quod deinceps ipse habeat pro laboribus et sumptibus /.

Dominus Thomas Spoforth propalat ea que acta sunt in domo capitulari / et ea diuulgant que deberent esse secreta[5] /

Consanguinei monachorum cum venerint ad monasterium non bene recipiuntur a ministris abbatis , nec habent monachi vnde poterunt cum eisdem gratulari[6] / Dominus voluit quod huiusmodi consanguinei monachorum cum venerint decenti modo tractarentur /

[7] Non est aliter prouisum pro infirmis quam pro conualescentibus , nec aliquid habent monachi temporibus infirmitatum nisi vj s. ij d. per ebdomadam vt conualescentes habent . Nec habent infirmi domum , focum nec ministros /

Dominus voluit quod fieret prouisio pro infirmis.

Dominus Thomas Spoforth est communis mendax , et nedum predicat mendacia de fratribus suis et sic indies suscitat rixas in

[1] I.e. South Stoke. [2] *no* cancelled. [3] Something cancelled.
[4] I.e. yet he should have something.
[5] *et vult eciam ipse ineb* cancelled.
[6] I.e. enjoy themselves. [7] *Infirm* cancelled.

monasterio / sed eciam de domino episcopo Lincolniensi et eius officiarijs in ipsorum scandalum / eciam temporibus refectionum ita predicat et eosdem[1] vilipendit seu saltem paruipendit /

Pietancie conuentus vix sufficiunt , nam sunt in refectorio seu in misericordio[2] xiij monachi et ipsi habent nisi xxiij d. in die pro[3] cibarijs suis.

Dominus Willelmus Durham tercius prior non surgit ad matutinas / Iniunctum est quod deinceps surgat ad matutinas /

Stipendia nouiciorum non soluuntur eisdem[4] nec ipsorum tutoribus[5] , ex quo fit quod ipsi nouicij non habent vesturam decentem neque habent suppellectilia / Dominus iniunxit quod[6] stipendia huiusmodi deinde debita soluantur.

Thomas Spoforth vult pluries inebriari / et tunc tempore ebrietatis ipse[7] se habet ac si non esset sane mentis / et[8] plures occasiones pugnandi.

Dominus Ricardus instructor nouitiorum in gramatica non est diligens circa instructionem eorundem et est adeo negligens quod nouicij non proficiunt doctrina . Dominus iniunxit quod hoc exnunc emendaretur.

Supprior est rigorosus in correccionibus nec est indifferens / Dominus stricte iniunxit suppriori quod hoc emendaretur /

Dominus absoluit tunc Georgium Adderbury ab apostasia et sentencia excommunicacionis et ipsum restituit ad locum et vocem et omnia iura pristina / ac si nunquam exiuisset.

Et deinde dominus habita primitus longa[9] videlicet per spacium ij horarum et saluberima exhortacione ad confratres ibidem pro reformacione premissorum / dominus iiij^{to} die Maij in domo capitulari ibidem sedens visitacionem suam huiusmodi continuauit vsque ad[10] vltimum diem iuridicum mensis Decembris et quemlibet diem citra [presentibus . . . . . .] ac me Edwardo Watson.

XXI
FLAMSTEAD PRIORY
A. fo. 44d.

fo. 44*d*.

Sancti Egidij in Bosco

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM PER DOMINUM CANCELLARIUM XXJ^{mo} DIE MENSIS MAIJ ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XXX^{mo}.

Dominus vicarius generalis exposuit publice articulos visitacionis. Deinde priorissa certificauit viue vocis oraculo.

[1] *vilipo* cancelled. [2] Altered from *misericordia*. [3] *esculentis suis* cancelled.
[4] *sed tuto* cancelled. [5] *et* cancelled. [6] *ipse* cancelled.
[7] *est* cancelled. [8] Some word such as *querit* omitted.
[9] *et sa* cancelled. [10] *festum Natalis domini* cancelled.

Domina Agnes Croke priorissa[1]
Domina Agnes Verney
Domina Alicia Byrde
Domina Agnes Weste
Domina Johanna Mason
Domina Johanna Richardes
Elizabeth Netam
Alicia Thrale

Priorissa . Deinde priorissa exhibuit fundacionem dicte domus[2] incipientem hoc modo (Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus de Totino saluo jure ecclesie parochialis de Flamsted sancti Leonardi de Flamsted[3]) in qua tenentur habere non vltra numerum xiij^{cim} sanctimonialium.

Verney . Priorissa est vtilis prioratui sed indebitatur monialibus . Puelle iacent in dormitorio . [Numerus] monialium diminuitur.

[Byrde] Dicit omnia bene.

[Weste] Dicit omnia bene.

[Mason] [Dicit] sese iacere in lecto cum priorissa ea de causa vt priorissa[4] surgat ad [matutinas].

[Richardes] [Dicit omnia] bene.

[Netam] Habet puellam iacentem cum ea.

[Thrale] Dicit omnia bene.

fo. 45.

Dominus iniunxit priorisse quod ammodo non iacent[5] puelle *neque pueri* in dormitorio.

Et iniunxit priorisse quod iacet[6] in lecto per se et quod domina Mason decetero non iacet[6] in lecto cum eadem.

Quibus iniunctionibus sic factis dominus visitacionem suam dissoluit saluis domino Lincolniensi episcopo procuracionibus debitis.

XXII
FOTHERINGHAY COLLEGE

1. A. fo. 150.
2. L. fo. 110.

1
Fodringhay

VISITACIO XXIJ^{do} JUNIJ ANNO DOMINI M^{o}CCCCC^{mo}XVIIJ^{mo} PER DOMINUM EPISCOPUM PERSONALITER.

. . . . . Dominus Ricardus Plummer socius notatur *in villa et*

[1] Called Creke, *L. & P.H. VIII*, XIII (i), p. 577 ; Broke, *ibid.* XIV (2), g. 113 (16), p. 34.
[2] A word cancelled.
[3] *Sic :* repeated. The charter is printed in *Monasticon* IV, 300, with *Tony* for *Totino*. The nunnery is there called 'Wodechurch de Flamstede.'
[4] *s* cancelled. [5] *Sic :* for *iaceant*. [6] *Sic :* for *iaceat*.

in patria[1] quod iacet ad extra contra statuta / et idem est sediciosus et seminator discordiarum inter socios.

Videantur *qualiter* misse celebrande pro domino Ricardo *Barow*[2] / et Henrico Bray militibus fundantur . Ostendantur igitur fundationes earundem.

Magister collegij est semper eligendus per socios secundum ordinem statutorum infra viginti dies a tempore vacacionis ; alioquin deuoluitur ad dominum episcopum Lincolniensem collacio siue prefectio magistri ibidem . Sed tamen siue eligatur[3] siue preficiatur requiritur quod sit[4] vnus de socijs illius collegij / et quando eligitur per socios debet presentari domino Lincolniensi episcopo / et per ipsum episcopum confirmari et admitti.[5]

Petitur vt melioretur et augeatur precium panni liberate / Nam precium vlne illius virgate ex statutis non excedet xxvj d. / quo precio iam dierum pannus vtilis et honestus haberi aut emi nequit[6] . Magister collegij aliquando confert precentori et quibusdam alijs aliquas summas cum quibus potuit[7] meliorare liberatam si eas ad illum vsum diuertere voluerit.

Prouideatur ne socij aliquando pernoctent in villa de Foderinghay aut alibi prope illam villam . Dominus Nicholaus Adamson pernoctauit aliquando in villa Foderingie.

Dominus Ricardus Plummer notatur de incontinentia adeo quod iam dudum occasione conuersationis sue suspecte cum muliere quadam de Foderinghay fuit dudum in periculo mortis ; nam vnus seruiencium regine Francie[8] cum gladio evaginato voluisset ipsum percussisse et fortassis interimisse[9] . Et preter hec ille notatur quod non dicit[10] deuote officia diuina neque se disponit celebrare aut alia facere presbitero pertinencia[11] . Maritus ipsius mulieris illam occasione premissa verberabat et plura alia inconueniencia sequebantur . Ipse dominus Plummer misit Robertum Hardy pro illa muliere.

[fo. 150*d*.]

Memorandum quod dominus hortetur magistrum collegij pro Ricardo Synton coniugato clerico quatinus ipse Ricardus poterit habere aliquem proficuum[12] arbitrio magistri ex dicto collegio , ex hoc quod stetit ibidem per xxxvj annos.

[1] Interlined above *de et super incontinencia* cancelled.
[2] Apparently the name.
[3] *siue p'* blotted and cancelled.
[4] *socius* cancelled.
[5] See statute vi, *Archaeol. Journ.* LXXV, 274–278.
[6] *Dominus* cancelled. See statute xi, De communi annua vestium liberata, *ibid.*, 281–2.
[7] *Sic : an* cancelled.
[8] The princess Mary, widow of Louis XII of France.
[9] *Sic :* for *interemisse*.
[10] Altered from *dicet*.
[11] *Coniugatus* cancelled.
[12] *Sic : aliquid proficui* is meant.

Memorandum de excessu stipendij informatoris puerorum.

Magister collegij ponit fiduciam suam in quibusdam suis secularibus seruientibus in superuidendo predia et possessiones collegio spectancia in dampnum collegij.

Videatur in statutis quot seruientes et quot equos magister debet habere.[1]

Johnson et Curtes inseruiunt choro et eciam pulsant , et tamen ipse Robertus Johnson habet amplius stipendium vno nobili / Dominus Ricardus Plummer deberet cotidie reddere se cantantem in missa de beata virgine hoc tamen non facit /

xxiij^{cio} die Junij anno Domini m^{o}ccccc^{mo}xviij^{mo} dominus in ecclesia collegiata de Foderinghay iudicialiter sedens visitacionem suam ibidem dissoluit.[2]

2

Foderinghey collegium

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN ECCLESIA COLLEGIATA IBIDEM PER DOMINUM CANCELLARIUM ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XXX^{mo}[3] MENSIS AUGUSTI DIE XXVIJ^{mo} VIDELICET DIE SABBATI POST FESTUM SANCTI BARTHOLOMEI.

Magister collegij exhibuit certificatorium in scriptis sub sigillo communi et eo perlecto comparuerunt presbiteri ibidem[4] socij clerici et choriste subscripti.

Socij	Choriste
Magister Johannes Russell magister collegij	Antonius Barnard
	Ricardus Curtasse
Magister Thomas Byrde precentor	Johannes . . . . .
Dominus Thomas Topclyff	Johannes . . . . .
Dominus Ricardus Warde[5]	Thomas Thorpe
Dominus Nicholaus Beyhowe[6]	Johannes Louthe
Dominus Robertus Sahall	Ricardus B . . . .
Dominus Willelmus Pollarde	Henricus Vicham
Dominus Thomas Whityng	Ricardus . . . . .
Dominus Robertus Byrde	Thomas . . . . .
Dominus Robertus Hiedge	C . . . . .
Magister Willelmus Bygges	Thomas . . . . .
Dominus Robertus Chapman	Ricardus . . . . .
Dominus Johannes Gilbert	

[1] See statutes xxv, xxvi (*op. cit.* 286, 287).
[2] Ff. 151, 151*d* are blank.
[3] *vij*^{mo} *die* cancelled.
[4] *ibidem* repeated and cancelled.
[5] Apparently the name.
[6] Called *Bahoo* in *Val. Eccl.* IV, 290.

Clerici

Ricardus Dewy	Robertus Cotterell
Thomas Alcocke	Johannes Balyon
Johannes Sandland	Johannes Wykeham
Johannes Wykey	Johannes Jonson.

[fo. 110*d.*] Blank.

[fo. 111.]

Russell . Dicit quod magister Byrde precentor non est satis diligens circa exequtionem officiorum diuinorum in choro neque quoad seipsum nec quoad informationem aliorum.

Byrde . Videatur liber statutorum collegij pro equis et seruientibus magistri collegij et[1] eciam videatur liber compotus pro statu collegij.

Loquatur magistro collegij quod non equitet Londoniam nec alibi extra collegium nisi ex vrgentibus negocijs collegij.

Instructores puerorum in cantu et eciam in gram[matica non sunt] satis diligentes circa informacionem eorundem.

Topclyff . Dicit magistrum collegij virum esse satis vtilem . . . . . officio suo.

Sessiones stationes et reuersio[nes] ad al[tare non] obseruantur incuria precentoris collegij.[2]

Magister Byrde precentor non est expertus in cantu et . . . . .

[fo. 111*d.*]

Precentor in absencia magistri nichill ageret in arduis negocijs collegij nisi de consensu duorum vel trium seniorum sociorum collegij[3] et tamen ipse precentor[4] in presentacione vicarie de Newent[5] ipse primo obtinuit consensum juniorum antequam consiluit[6] seniores.

Prouideatur ne precentor absentet se a collegio in negocijs prinpalibus[7] vti aliquando precentor modernus absent[at].

. . . . . Precentor collegij licet sit diligens in officio suo non tamen est adeo expertus in cantu et ordine vt deberet.

. . . . . Prec[entor] . . . . Byrde non est . . . . satis diligens in officio suo [nec] est expertus in cantu nec in ordinacione chori.

[1] *pro* cancelled. The question of the master's retinue had been raised at Atwater's visitation. See p. 147 above and note 1.

[2] The allusion is to negligent ritual in church, omissions to sit, stand or turn to the altar, which it was the precentor's business to regulate.

[3] See statute vii (*op. cit.* p. 279).

[4] *al* cancelled.

[5] For the grant of the possessions of the alien priory of Newent, including the churches of Newent and Dymock, co. Glouces., to the college, see *Cal. Pat.* 1408–1413, p. 358, printed in *Monasticon* VI (1), 1411.

[6] *Sic :* for *consuluit.*

[7] *Sic :* for *principalibus.*

Idem precentor obtinuit vicariam de Newent contra antiquum modum collegij primo querendo consensum juniorum sociorum collegij antequam seniores in capitulo consuluerat.

fo.112.

Balyon et Coterell clerici non bene morigerati[1] erga socios collegij et presertim erga istum detegentem , nec prebent eisdem reuerenciam decentem.

Pollard . Clerici collegij videlicet Balyon et Cotterell , Wykey et Wykeham , non sunt diligentes in choro psallendo et legendo in choro , sed cum sint ibi confabulantur.

Et ipsi clerici non sunt bene morigerati penes socios collegij nec prebent eisdem reuerenciam sed nimis elate se gerunt in loquela et gestu erga socios ibidem.

Extranei eciam seruientes generosorum licet sint . . . . . sedent in mensa cum socijs collegij.

[2] Whityng . Nescitur an clerici pernoctant ad infra vel non . . . . . clericis quomodo[3] se haberent in choro et in aula . . . . . leccionis biblie et quod pernoctarent infra collegium.

Magister est valde vtilis collegio et eciam *sunt*[4] socij . Quidam clerico[rum sunt nimis] superbi et elati et contendunt[5] [cum sociis et] recusant eis loqui.

fo. 112*d*.

Hiedge . Dicit omnia bene et prospere.

Magister Bygges . Dicit omnia esse bene ordinata.

Chapman . Dicit nulla ibidem puniendo digna.

Gylbert . Omnia bene.

Dewy . . . . Dicit omnia bene.

[Alcocke] . Dicit tempore refeccionum presbiteri non obseruant scilencium in absencia magistri et precentoris sed rident et confabulantur / Dominus Robertus Hiedge et dominus Johannes Gilbert sunt communes piscatores tempore prandij . Socij non loquuntur clericis cum ipsi clerici faciunt eis reuerenciam . Et magister est nimis durus faciendo reformaciones clericis , et non facit aliquas reformaciones socijs sacerdotibus . . . .

[Sandland] . Omnia bene.

[Wykey] . He saith the master is very hard towardes the clerckes and so been the felloes / When ther is any complaynt made to the master the master woll rather here oon of the plough men rather then the complaynt of oon of the clerckes and the master is not indifferent.

[1] *sunt* omitted.
[2] Handwriting changes.
[3] *h* cancelled.
[4] Interlined above *soc* cancelled.
[5] *soc . . . et sacerdotibus* cancelled.

[fo. 113.]

[Cotterell] . Quo ad statuta nescit . Dicit quod socij habent libros studendo tempore diuinorum et non intendunt diuinis officijs psallendo . Solebant ex antiquo pulsare ad matutinas hora quinta et nunc pulsant[1] hora sexta adeo et intantum quod diuina officia non finiuntur ante meridiem.

Balyon . Dicit quod dominus Rogerus[2] exijt chorum cotidie tempore primi . Dominus Rogerus , dominus Polard habent libros in manibus studendo tempore diuinorum et non attendunt diuinis officijs . Dominus Topclyffe et dominus Rogerus conse[3] consueuerunt confabulare in choro tempore diuinorum . Clerici ignorant an pernoctarent infra collegium necne . And thei have no brekefastes but of the cookes gentilnes . And when thei have *eny*[4] brekefastes oon feloo hath as m[uch as] . . .[5] the clerckes . And sir Roger doth[6] rebuke the clerckes [and calleth] them knavis when he is angri with them.

Wykeham . Dicit quod magister collegij doth suffre the carters and the cooke . . . . . .[7] clerckes and the felloes prestes will not speke to the clerckes . . . . . And the prestes doth lawgh[8] in the quere in service . . . . . and it is vj of the clocke in the mornyng or they go to [matines , so that] it is none euery daye or service be doon And the sa . . . . . will scantly speke oon to another of them if . . . . . word in v wekes.

Johnson . Subsacrista solebat habere annuatim stipendium—xv . . [et nunc] habet nisi—xiij s. iiii d.[9] Iste supplet loc[um] . . . . . in mensam cum clericis sed cum choristis.

fo. 113*d*.[10]

Qua quidem examinacione sic facta / dominus cancellarius [iniunxit] magistro collegij quod non habeat numerum excessiuum [seruientium] vltra quam alij magistri habere solebant.

Et quod ipse diligenter attendat ad vtilitatem [collegii] et precipue ad iconomiam / et quod faciatt[11] balliuum iconomie diligenter superuidere laborarios in iconomia.

Et quod magister non equitet nisi in causis necessarijs collegij /

Item iniunxit precentori quod ipse adhibeat omnem diligenciam suam circa exercicium diuinorum seruiciorum et quod faciat sessiones , stationes et resto[es][12] ad altare vt decet obseruari.

[1] *s* cancelled.
[2] *Sic :* not in the list of fellows.
[3] *Sic :* not cancelled.
[4] Interlined above *no* cancelled.
[5] Possibly *two of.*
[6] *call* cancelled.
[7] Possibly *to rebuke the.*
[8] *at* cancelled.
[9] *Idem* cancelled.
[10] In former hand.
[11] *Sic.*
[12] *Sic : reuersiones* appears to be the word in the earlier passage which refers to this.

Item iniunxit omnibus socijs et clericis collegij quod intersint temporibus diuinorum in choro psallentes et[1] legentes / et quod non studeant nec libris indi . . gent[2] nec confabulentur temporibus diuinorum.

Item iniunxit omnibus clericis collegij quod ipsi[3] debitam [et de]centem exhibeant reuerenciam presbiteris socijs et quod presbiteri clericos ipsos honeste pertractent et condecentem . . . . charitatem et honestatem eisdem faciant.

[Item ini]unxit clericis quod ipsi honeste incedant in vestibus . . . . . et quod non vtantur caligis aut alijs vestimentis . . . . albi seu alterius leuis coloris.

Et hijs factis dominus visitacionem suam ibidem dissoluit.

[fo. 114.][4]

Memorandum that the pasture off Wytterynghey the whyche the[5] colleg of Fodryngay[6] dothe hyer off mayster Turner ys lettyn to master Wynkfelde and no pasture reseruyd for theyr owyne store.

Item the bayly off the husbandre of the colleg of Fodryngay vsys to goo to merckyttes and fayers to by bewys[7] and shepe for the colleg and doys not well ouer se the colleg husbandre wherby the colleg hays grete losse in theyr husbandrye . For yf he gett one penny at[8] the markytt he lesys thre at home in the husbandrye.

Item the colleg ys in dett to the master and to the[9] stewarde almost forty powndes.

Item[10] the master dispendithe lardge money yerly att London inter seruientes domini regis et alios , cum nullam aut paruam causam habeat collegij ibidem.

Many of his pastures ar letten forthe / and hathe noon for his own bevis nor muttuns.

Item he hathe nother bevys nor muttons in store , but byythe from market day to merkett day , and byythe at the bochery his rostinge byff.

The place goothe nott forward.[11]

Item oon man is sexten[12] curate of the paryshe , and stuard of the house , and ys in extreme age , not able to do any oon of[13] thos iij.[14]

[1] *c* cancelled.
[2] The word is uncertain ; possibly it may be for *indictent*.
[3] Altered from *ipse*.
[4] Change to second handwriting, as ff. 112, 112*d*, 113.
[5] *c* cancelled. [6] *d* cancelled.
[7] I.e. beeves. [8] *the* cancelled. [9] *ste* cancelled.
[10] Change to a third hand. *Nota* mark in margin of this and next paragraph.
[11] *Nota* mark in margin against this and next paragraphs.
[12] I.e. sacrist. [13] *then* cancelled. [14] Fo. 114*d* is blank.

XXIII
GODSTOW ABBEY

1. A. fo. 88.
2. A. fo. 119.

1

VISITACIO MONASTERIJ BEATE MARIE ET SANCTI JOHANNIS BAPTISTE DE GOSTOW EXERCITA PER MAGISTRUM RICARDUM ROSTON DECRETORUM DOCTOREM DOMINI WILLELMI ATWATER DEI GRACIA LINCOLNIENSIS EPISCOPI CANCELLARIUM XIJ^{mo} DIE MENSIS JUNIJ ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO CCCCC^{mo} XVIJ^{mo} ET ANNO IPSIUS DOMINI EPISCOPI[1] IIJ^{clo} / IN DOMO CAPITULARI IPSIUS MONASTERIJ.

Anna Bromeyard priorissa et Agnes Oxford subpriorissa non fuerunt electe ad officia illa per maiorem partem conuentus / sed ad libitum abbatisse moderne per minorem partem capituli.

Dicitur quod domina priorissa laborante ipsius senectute que sexaginaria existit non potest sequi chorum et interesse diuinis officijs vti deberet et ad ipsius spectat officium.

xij^{mo} die mensis predicti dominus vicarius generalis iniunxit domine abbatisse ne ipsa admitteret aliquos extraneos ad commorandum siue moram faciendum infra monasterium.

Et eciam quod extranei siue persone alique seculares non haberent aliquem accessum siue introitum infra claustrum seu alia loca claustralia ipsius monasterij sed quod recipiantur honesto modo in communem aulam et ibidem epulent *et colloquantur* et jocundentur cum monachis[2] , dum modo semper ad minus sint due monache insimul associate /

Et eciam quod deinceps equaliter honeste sobrie et caritatiue tractet omnes monachas monasterij nichill quicquam de preteritis seu pro eisdem obijciendo siue imputando.

Assignacionem penitenciarij ipsis monachis reseruat dominus[3] vicarius generalis domino episcopo.

Eisdem die et loco dominus vicarius generalis visitacionem ibidem dissoluit.

2
Godstowe

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM IN DOMO CAPITULARI DIE VENERIS IIIJ^{to} DIE MAIJ ANNO 1520mo PER DOMINUM EPISCOPUM LINCOLNIENSEM PERSONALITER / PREUIENDO[4] DIEM ALIAS PREFIXUM DE CONSENSU ABBATISSE ET CONUENTUS IBIDEM.

Exhibito certificatorio per abbatissam in scriptis sigillato et illo publice ibidem perlecto , idem dominus episcopus exhortacionem

[1] *anno* cancelled.
[2] I.e. the nuns (*monachae*).
[3] *episcopus* cancelled.
[4] *Sic* : for *preueniendo*.

salutiferam in anglie[1] fecit et salubriter est exhortatus easdem / omissa predicacione illo die ob breuitatem temporis.

Nomina monialium[2]

Domina Margareta Tewkisbury abbatissa[3]
Domina Agnes Oxford priorissa[4]
Domina Alicia Wircetur[5] subpriorissa
Domina Cecilia Shursill tercia priorissa
Domina Alicia Laicoke[6]
Domina Clementissa[7] Rovserd
Domina Elisabeth Stanlake
Domina Alicia Oxforthe[8]
Domina Johanna Oxforthe[9]
Domina Johanna Brestowe
Domina Margareta Wolstone
Domina Alicia Alisbury
Domina Margareta Hertwell[10]
Domina Katerina Buckley[11]
Domina Marioria Granboro[12]
Johanna Sharpe soror conuersa / non monialis.

Nomina ecclesiarum[13]

Eedem mulieres religiose habent eis appropriatas ecclesias videlicet de

Wicombe magna /	Teu magna /	Oxon Egidij sancti
Bloxham /	Donyngton /	Pattishull

[1] *Sic :* for *anglice*. The preceding *in*, however, presumes *anglica lingua*, but should probably have been cancelled.

[2] The only one of these names which is recognisable among the seventeen in the pensions list after the dissolution is that of Katherine Buckley or Bulkeley, then abbess, ' a woman of over 80 years and not likely to live half a year ' (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIV (2), no. 539, pp. 188, 189). Of the twenty, however, recorded in 1535 (*V.E.* II, 191), twelve of the fifteen in the present list remained, those missing being Cecily Shursill (? Shareshill), Clemence Rouserd and Joan Brestowe (Bristol). Agnes Oxford was then prioress, Elizabeth Stanlake subprioress, Margaret Wolston bursar and Alice Oxford precentrix. The names in the dissolution list are family surnames and cannot be certainly identified with those in this or the 1535 list.

[3] Prioress at the death of Isabel Braynton in 1516–17, elected abbess 1517 (*congé d'él*, 24 March ; royal assent 14 May ; temp. rest. 30 June : *L. & P.H. VIII*, II (2), nos. 3052, 3396, 3416, pp. 980, 1087, 1090). She resigned, being old and in ill-health, in 1535 : *quondam abbatissa* in the 1535 list.

[4] Still prioress in 1535 at Margaret Tewkesbury's resignation. Probably Agnes West, prioress at the dissolution.

[5] Worcetr in 1535. [6] Leycock in 1535. [7] *Sic.*

[8] Possibly Alice West at the dissolution.

[9] Identical with Joan Symondes in the dissolution list. Called Seyman below.

[10] Hartwell in 1535.

[11] Elected abbess in 1535 (*congé d'él.* to Agnes Oxford, prioress, 26 Feb. ; royal assent 16 March ; temp. rest. 14 April ; *L. & P.H VIII*, VIII, g. 291 (39), g. 481 (25), g. 632 (25), pp. 122, 187, 240). Her name is given as Bulkeley or Bewmarys in the last of these documents. If the account of her old age given in 1539 (see above, note 2) is true, she must have been an old woman when elected.

[12] Four names from Buckinghamshire occur in this list, viz. Wolstone (Woolston), Alisbury (Aylesbury), Hertwell (Hartwell), Granboro (Grandborough).

[13] The churches are Bloxham, Great Tew and Oxford St. Giles in Oxfordshire ; High Wycombe and Dunton, Bucks. ; and a moiety of Pattishall, Northants.

Valor redditiuum[1]

Habent eciam in terris et redditibus vt patet circiter cccc marcas et vltra /

Domina[2] abbatissa habet quemdam capellanum nomine Edwardum.

To speke to my lord off Duresme[3] for his kynneswoman dame Johan Seyman / otherwise Oxford after the towne where she was born.[4]

Sunt in monasterio tres juniores moniales et ille nichil habent pro ipsarum vestibus sed sustentantur per alias moniales et ex pensionibus aliarum monialium.

Memorandum quod ordinetur chorus in psallendo , cantando , legendo et alijs diuinis officijs / per precentricem et in eius absencia per succentricem / quia moniales seniores ibidem nolunt decantare et legere secundum quod precentrix ordinauerit.

Memorandum to speke to master doctour FiztJames for his sustre nune off Godstowe.[5]

Et deinde facta rursus eodem die post meridiem exhortacione quadam saluberima / dominus visitacionem suam ibidem dissoluit /

XXIV

GOKEWELL PRIORY

A. fo. 45*d*.

Goukewell prioratus

VISITATIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE VENERIS XXIX^no^ DIE JULII ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XIX^no^ PER DOMINUM WILLELMUM EPISCOPUM LINCOLNIENSEM PERSONALITER.

Domina Sibilla Thorney priorissa[6]
Domina Elisabeth Wales suppriorissa

[1] The net value in 1535 was £258 10s. 6½d., i.e. nearly 387 marks.
[2] *Ed* cancelled.
[3] Thomas Ruthall, bishop of Durham 1509–1523. He was a native of Cirencester.
[4] See p. 153, note 2.
[5] Dr. Fitzjames is probably James FitzJames, S.T.B., chancellor of Wells 1516–1541, and rector of several churches in Somerset (see Le Neve I, 177, and *Val. Eccl.* I, 133, 134, 152, 153, 166, 185, 186. This seems more likely than a reference to his uncle Richard Fitzjames, the contemporary bishop of London (1506–1522). The family belonged to Somerset, and none of the nuns in the various lists have names which indicate that neighbourhood except Joan Brestowe or Bristol. Sir John Fitzjames, C.J., father of James, was recorder of Bristol 1510–1533. See D.N.B.
[6] Anne Castelford was prioress at the dissolution of the monastery (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIII (1), p. 1519 (59, p. 568) ; p. 575).

Domina Isabella Vavisour precentrix
Domina Katerina Beswyk subsacrista
Domina Alicia Passemer
Domina Alicia Felde sacrista
Domina Elisabeth Bothe
Domina Johanna Williamson conuersa /

XXV

GORING PRIORY

1. A. fo.

2. L. fo. 143.

1

VISITACIO MONASTERIJ DE GORYNG ORDINIS SANCTI AUGUSTINI LINCOLNIENSIS DIOCESEOS EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE VENERIS XIX° JUNIJ ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XVIJ^{O} PER MAGISTRUM EDMUNDUM HORDE DECRETORUM DOCTOREM DOMINI WILLELMI ATWATER EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS AD HOC COMMISSARIUM.

Priorissa[1] dicit quod moniales ibidem cupiunt aliquando accidere[2] in patria ad amicos suos.

Fiat iniunccio quod moniales non transiunt ex septis monasterij absque speciali licencia priorisse.

Moniales dicunt quod domus patitur ruinam / eo[3] occasione quod attemptet in lege contendere cum certis generosis pro quibusdam tenementis eodem[4] monasterio spectantibus.

2

Goryng prioratus

VISITACIO ORDINARIA REUERENDI IN CHRISTO PATRIS ET DOMINI DOMINI JOHANNIS PERMISSIONE DIUINA LINCOLNIENSIS EPISCOPI IBIDEM TENTA DIE JOUIS SEXTO VIDELICET MENSIS OCTOBRIS ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XXX^{mo} PER VENERABILEM VIRUM MAGISTRUM HENRICUM MORGAN LEGUM DOCTOREM DICTI REUERENDI PATRIS LINCOLNIENSIS EPISCOPI COMMISSARIUM IN HAC PARTE SUFFICIENTER CONSTITUTUM.

Domina Alicia Collishill priorissa dicit quod monasterium in omnibus partibus videlicet in ecclesia , in choro , in claustro , in

[1] The name of the prioress at this date is uncertain. In 1497 Lucy Coleshill was prioress, but possibly by this time she had been succeeded by Alice Coleshill, prioress in 1530. See list in *V.C.H. Oxon.* II, 104.

[2] *Sic :* for *accedere*. Cf. *transiunt* for *transeunt* below.

[3] *Sic :* for *ea*.

[4] *Sic :* for *eidem*.

dormitorio est multum ruinosum in coopertura et in tegulis ac in vno molendino aquatico , et dicit quod emit grana videlicet frumentum et brasium pro monasterio in diuersis annis precedentibus et tanti oneris erat monasterio quod non potuit reparare.[1]

Item monasterium oneratur ere alieno circiter viij li.

Dicit quod magister Yonge est senescallus et habet stipendium xx s. per annum ad terminum vite sue per sigillum commune , etc.

[2]Iniungitur quod non concedatur[3] corrodia aut annuetates alicui sine consensu domini Lincolniensis episcopi.

Et quod domina Anna Stafferton aliquando vilependit iniuncciones licitas per priorissam sibi factas . et quod multociens mittit nuncios ad amicos et alios absque licencia priorisse , et quando reprehenditur paruipendit asserens quod vult mittere nuncios ad eius placitum invita priorissa , etc.

fo. 143*d*.

Domina Elisabeth Lowe subpriorissa dicit quod omnes domus infra monasterium grauem paciuntur ruinam in coopertura et in muris et alijs necessarijs.

Et domina Anna Staferton non est adeo obediens et corrigibilis sicut cetere consorores.

Dicit quod omnes consorores sedent tempore refeccionum in mensa cum priorissa.

Dicit quod in absencia domine Margarete Wodall in choro tempore diuinorum / non habent aliam ad regendum chorum et diuina officiandum ibidem , sicut ipsa *Wodall* facit , quia fauet maxime diuinis officijs et *est* vtilis monasterio.

Domina Anna Stafferton professa dicit quod omnes sunt corrigibiles quantum ipsa nouit.

Dicit quod chorus , claustrum , dormitorium et cetere domus et tenementa tam infra quam extra paciuntur maximam ruinam et dilapidacionem.

Et quod consorores simull sedent tempore refeccionum in mensa cum priorissa.

Monasterium oneratur ere alieno vt audiuit in x libris sterlingorum.

Non habent necessaria tempore infirmitatis.

Aliquando intrant oppidum siue villam de Gorynng bine[4] / causa emendi necessaria , et dicit quod ista examinata consimili modo fecit ad diuersas vices.

[1] *Sic* : for *reparari*.
[2] *Nota* mark in margin.
[3] *Sic* : for *concedantur*.
[4] I.e. in couples.

Iniungatur quod non intrant[1] oppidum absque licencia priorisse vel subpriorisse verbo tenus.

fo. 144.

Dicit quod priorissa est nimis seuera ipsam corrigendo , et istam examinatam punit plus ceteris etc.

Et omnes officiarie[2] sunt in manibus priorisse . Non habet cantricem specialiter nominatam in choro.

Et quod dormitorium maximam[3] patitur ruinam , et columbare et vnum horrium infra precinctum monasterij ad terram sunt collisa , et eciam tenementa infra villam extra precinctum consimili modo dilapidantur , etc.

Dicit quod domina Mergareta Wodall est multum vtilis in choro et pro monasterio et vtilitate eiusdem.

Domina Margareta Woddall[4] professa dicit vt supra quod chorus , dormitorium et claustrum et quedam tenementa infra villam graues paciuntur dilapidaciones propterea quod priorissa erat multum onerata in empcionibus granorum diuersorum anno precedenti , et quod domus oneratur ere alieno videlicet in viij li. et non vltra quantum nouit.

Et quod domina Alicia[5] Stafferton aliquando non est satis obediens in correccionibus licitis sibi interpositis et[6] vilipendit[7] parere huiusmodi correccionibus ad diuersas vices.

Et quod dominus Johannes Rogers capellanus habet iiij li. ad terminum vite sue per sigillum commune[8] , et iam nichill inde percipit propterea quod non facit officium suum infra monasterium prout tenetur per scriptum sigillo communi sigillatum.

fo. 144*d*.

Domina Cecilia Sawnders non professa tamen stetit in habitu ad xix annos . Dicit quod domus infra monasterium et extra multum dilapidantur.

Dicit quod omnes sunt corrigibiles quantum ipsa nouit.

Dicit eciam quod in absencia domine Margarete Wodall tempore diuinorum / chorus non regitur prout in eius presencia , et est multum vtilis ad commodum monasterij.

Aliquando non prouidetur consororibus *in*[9] infirmitatibus de bonis monasterij.

[1] *Sic* : for *intrent*. [2] *Sic*. *Omnia officia* is meant. [3] *g* cancelled.

[4] This exemplary lady, who 'favoured the divine offices' to their advantage, was elected prioress this year, when Alice Coleshill resigned (*V.C.H. Oxon* II, 104). After the dissolution her name appears on the pension list as Margaret Uvedall (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIII (1) 576.)

[5] Elsewhere called Anna. [6] A word cancelled.

[7] *p* cancelled. [8] *p* cancelled.

[9] Interlined above *tempore* cancelled

Domina Alicia Redyng non professa stetit in habitu ad sex annos . Dicit quod omnia bene fiunt preter quod monasterium eget maxima reparacione , etc.

Elisabeth Banester non professa dicit quod si domina Margareta Woddall fuerit egrota existens extra chorum tunc nullam habent ibi consororem habilem ad regendum diuina seruicia in choro , quoniam ipsa multum vtilis est ad regendum diuina seruicia et eciam multum vtilis ad consulendum priorisse pro communi vtilitate domus.

fo. 145.

Alicia Redyng[1] non professa stetit in habitu ad tres annos et vltra . Dicit quod reparaciones infra monasterium et extra non sunt sufficienter facte sed multum ruinantur vt audiunt.

Alicia Clark non professa stetit in habitu ad quatuor annos . Dicit quod omnia bene fiunt preter reparaciones monasterij , etc.

Yniungitur quod nulla monialis fiat commater alicuius prolis.

Deinde judex istam visitacionem ordinariam continuauit vsque in vigiliam sancti Thome appostoli[2] et in quemlibet diem juridicum infra[3] . xvij^{mo} Decembris modo predicto magister doctor Morgan per litteras sub sigillo suo prorogauit eandem visitacionem vsque in vigiliam purificacionis beate Marie proximam[4] . Et xxij^{do} die eiusdem mensis in domo capitulari prioratus predicti prorogauit eandem visitacionem in[5] vigiliam prefatam et in quemlibet diem iuridicum infra.[6]

XXVI

GRACEDIEU PRIORY

1. A. fo. 137*d*.
2. L. fo. 19

1

Gracedieu visitatio exercita ibidem per magistrum Thomam Swayn commissarium etc. die Lune v^{to} Julij anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} xviij^{mo}.

Petitur vt domina Lucia[7] suppriorissa dimittatur a matutinis tempore nocturno propter ipsius senectutem quia stetit in religione liiij^{or} annis/

Domina Felicia Crispe[8] celeraria non bene prouidit pro infirmis

[1] Interlined above *Elisabeth Banester* cancelled. [2] 20 Dec.
[3] *xxij* cancelled. [4] 1 February. [5] *diem* cancelled.
[6] Ff. 145*d*, 146, 146*d* are blank. [7] No surname given.
[8] Neither this nun nor the next were in the convent at the visitation ten years later. The name of the prioress at this date does not seem to be known, but Margaret Youche (? Zouche) was prioress in 1509–10 (*L. & P.H. VIII*, I (3), no. 438 (1), m. 11, p. 208).

neque eis ministrat esculenta et alia necessaria / Sed nimis parce eis ministrat[1] candelas et esculenta atque focalia.

Domina Elisabeth Staunton non habet integre stipendium suum quia alie moniales habent per annum xs. ipsa enim habet nisi vj s. viij d.

Eadem celeraria non ministrat sororibus salubria esculenta sed sororibus surgentibus ad matutinas ministrat in cena bouinas carnes frigidas/

Creditur quod domina priorissa vastat boscum et subboscum vltra modum circa combustionem laterum[2] et dicit quod le tyle kylne non cedit in commodum domus sed pocius in detrimentum eiusdem.

Domina Felicia Crispe celeraria non surgit ad matutinas.

2

Gracedie[u]

VISITATIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI [IBIDEM DIE] JOUIS XVJ^{O} DIE JULIJ [ANNO] DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XXVIIJ^{uo} PER MAGISTRUM JOHANNEM RAYNE CAN[CELLARIUM].

Primo cancellarius proposuit verbum dei : deinde comparuerunt iste moniales subscripte videlicet[3]
Domina Agnes Litherland priorissa[4]
Domina Anna Greysley subpriorissa[5]
Domina Katerina Cheselden[6]
Domina Anna Cosseby
Domina Elisabeth[7] Hawll
Domina Mergareta Knottisford[8]
Domina Anna[9] Geylott[10]
Domina Dorothea Inglishe[11]
Domina Mergareta Podrell[12]
Domina Anna Asheby[13]
Domina Emma Michell

[1] *eis* repeated and cancelled. [2] I.e. burning bricks.
[3] Fourteen nuns are named, including the prioress. In 1536 there were fifteen 'with the prioress, of good and virtuous conversation and living' (*L. & P.H. VIII*, X, no. 1191, p. 497). Fifteen are named, without the prioress, in the pension lists after the dissolution (*ibid.* XIII (2), no. 839 (9), p. 349 ; XIV (1), p. 600).
[4] Annes Lytherland in the first pension list, but not named in the second. She was appointed prioress in August, 1536 (*ibid.* XI, g. 385 (23), p. 156), and was present at the surrender, 27 Oct., 1538 (*ibid.* XIII (2), no. 700, p. 268).
[5] Grasley (i.e. Gresley) in pension lists.
[6] Chesyleyne in pension lists. [7] *Odell* cancelled.
[8] Knotforde, Knottford in pension lists. [9] Perhaps *Amia*.
[10] Called Anne Gyllotte in first, Amy Gyllott in second pension list. A member of a family well known in Leicester. See *Wyggeston Hosp. Records*, 1933, pp. xiii, xiv.
[11] Englysshe in pension lists. [12] Powtrell in pension lists.
[13] Called Amy Ashby in first pension list, Anne Assheley in second.

Domina Elisabeth Presbery
Domina Johanna Barwell
Domina Elisabeth Bagott[1]

Dicte priorissa et conuentus habent ecclesiam parrochialem de Belton.[2]

Priorissa . Dicit omnia bene
Greisley . Dicit omnia bene
Cheselden . Dicit omnia bene /
Cosseby . Dicit omnia bene
Inglishe . Dicit omnia bene
Presbery . Dicit omnia bene
Elisabeth Hall . Dicit omnia bene
Knottisford . Dicit omnia bene
Gyllot . Dicit omnia bene
Powdrell . Dicit omnia bene
Asheby . Dicit omnia bene
Michell . Dicit omnia bene
Barwell . Dicit omnia bene /
Bagott . Dicit quod inquantum ipsa nouit omnia in monasterio prospere se habent /

Qua quidem examinatione sic facta / dominus visitator quia nichil comperit visitacione dignum hortatus est priorissam et omnes moniales huius monasterij quod quemadmodum religiose vixerunt ita perseuerabunt et quod officia diuina diurnis nocturnisque temporibus laudabiliter obseruent et sic visitationem suam ibidem dissoluit /

XXVII

GREENFIELD PRIORY

1. A. fo. 52
2. L. fo. 2

1

Grenefeld prioratus

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM IN DOMO CAPITULARI XVIIJ^{uo} DIE JULII ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO CCCCC^{mo} XIX^{no} PER REUERENDUM IN CHRISTO PATREM DOMINUM WILLELMUM DEI GRACIA LINCOLNIENSEM EPISCOPUM PERSONALITER.

Domina Margareta Nucome non est obediens senioribus suis.

[1] Not named in either pension list, in which there are two new names, viz. Elizabeth Farnham and Elizabeth Trotter.

[2] Gracedieu is locally in the parish of Belton. The prioress and convent held the church in appropriation from c. 1270, when a vicarage was ordained, 9 May (*Rot. Gravesend* [Cant. & York Soc.], p. 151).

Domina priorissa[1] habet secum continue in mensa dominas Margaretam Billesby et Agnetem Stanley / Petitur vt nunc eas tunc alias habeat secum in mensa sua / quia commedentes[2] cum priorissa solebant habere aliquas libertates plus quam alie commedentes in refectorio.

2

Grenefeld prioratus

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM ILJ^{cio} DIE JULIJ ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO CCCCC^{mo} XXV^{to} PER MAGISTRUM JOHANNEM RAYNE REUERENDI IN CHRISTO PATRIS ET DOMINI JOHANNIS DEI GRACIA EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS VICARIUM IN SPIRITUALIBUS GENERALEM.

Exhibito primitus per priorissam certificatorio in scriptis sub sigillo officij sui / ac expositis per dominum visitatorem articulis huiusmodi visitacionis et salubri exhortacione facta / comparuerunt hee sequentes moniales.

Domina Isabella Smyth priorissa[3]
Domina Agnes Graunde
Domina Johanna Walbanke
Domina Margareta Pynder
Domina Mergareta Newcome
Domina Isabella Prytfeld
Domina Maria Sherewod
Domina Agnes Jonson

Priorissa . Priorissa querelando retulit quod ipsa per quosdam emulos suos est diffamata quod mater fuit vnius prolis[4] anno elapso ; super quod fidem fecit se minus esse cupabilem[5] et obtulit se purgari / Deinde se purgauit vt patet ex altera parte huius folij.[6]

Graunde . Domina Mergareta Newcome est disobediens aliqualiter . Ipsa domina Mergareta habuit prolem pro quo fuit incarcerata et alias correcta per priorissam / Iniunctum est domine[7] Mergarete Newcome quod ipsa deinceps sit obediens priorisse et alijs superioribus suis vt deberet ; et est eciam eidem iniunctum quod ipsa deinceps intersit omnibus officijs diuinis psallendo et legendo vt alie moniales faciunt / et quod nullo modo[8] ammodo loquatur cum aliquo extraneo sine licencia expressa.

[1] The prioress was Elizabeth Billesby, elected 1518 (*V.C.H. Linc.* II, 156).
[2] *g* cancelled.
[3] She had succeeded Elizabeth Billesby in 1521. At her death in 1530 Anne (or Agnes) Guderyk, not in this list, took her place and was prioress at the dissolution (*V.C.H. Linc., ut sup.*).
[4] *al* cancelled. [5] *Sic* : for *culpabilem*. [6] See below, at fo. 2*d*.
[7] *priorises* cancelled. [8] *adiu* cancelled.

Walbank . Domina priorissa aliquando retulit monialibus ea que sibi secrete[1] deteguntur per istam deponentem / Agnes Kettyll quam domina priorissa intendit habere monialem est[2] suscitatrix discordie . Dominus Johannes West dixit quod audiuit dici quod ista deponens esset grauida , diffamando eandem / Domina Mergareta Newcome aliquando est absens a matutinis / Priorissa est[3] aliqualiter onerosa domui per admissionem patriotarum et consanguineorum suorum.

Pynder . Domina Mergareta Newcome non ita obediens est vt deberet.

Newcome . Ista fuit impregnata per dominum Willelmum Wharton qui iam moratur Londoniensi diocesi vt dicitur . Ista fuit correcta per priorissam / Domina Agnes Graunde est leuis condicionis et notatur aliqualiter cum Jacobo Smyth / Agnes Kettill non videtur apta esse monialis /

Prytfeld . Agnes Graunde obiurgat aliquando cum sororibus suis.

Sherewod . Omnia bene inquit.

Jonson . Recte ait omnia gubernari Dicit Agnetem Kettill non esse aptam esse[4] monialem.

[fo. 2*d*.]

Die Lune iij^{cto} die Julij anno Domini m^{mo}ccccc^{mo} xxv^{to} coram domino vicario generali in domo capitulari domus monialium de Grenefeld iudicialiter sedente / constituta personaliter domina Isabella Smyth priorissa domus monialium de Grenefeld , notata quod esse[5] mater vnius prolis . negauit illum articulum et produxit secum in compurgatrices suas dominam Elisabeth Billesby . vxorem domini Andree militis , Elisabeth Currant vxorem Ricardi Corant de Aby , Johannam Maydenwell de Grenefeld viduam / Agnetem Graunde Mergaretam Pynder / Johannam Walbank et Mergaretam Newcome moniales de Grenefeld, quas omnes dominus admisit / Et deinde ipsa priorissa iurauit de veritate quod nunquam erat mater alicuius prolis nec vnquam cognita fuit ab aliquo ; quo iuramento per eam sic prestito prenominate sue compurgatrices iurauerunt ad sancta Dei euangelia de credulitate / Dicta autem domina Elisabeth Billesby vxor Andree Billesby militis et Elisabeth Currant ac Johanna Maydynwell ideo producte fuerunt in compurgatrices quia presentes fuerunt cum dicta priorissa tempore infirmatis[6] sue quando ita erat diffamata et inspexerunt corpus et vbera eius / Et deinde facta huiusmodi purgacione dominus declarauit illam canonice fuisse purgatam ac ipsam sic purgatam dimisit.

[1] *sibi* repeated and cancelled.
[2] *stu* cancelled.
[3] *alit* cancelled.
[4] *Sic :* repeated.
[5] *Sic :* for *esset.*
[6] *Sic :* for *infirmitatis.*

Deinde dominus die sequenti iniunxit domine Agneti Graunde quod ipsa singulis quartis et sextis ferijs per ij menses proximos se prostrabit in domo capitulari , ita quod omnes moniales ibidem pretereuntes ipsam supeditabunt.

Et similem penitenciam iniunxit domine Mergarete Newcome per vnum mensem proximum.

Iniunxit eciam domine[1] Johanne Blake[2] quod ipsa singulis sextis ferijs per quartam partem vnius anni[3] disciplinas in domo capitulari ibidem recipiet.

Et eciam iniunxit omnibus monialibus quod ipsarum quelibet pacienter feret correcciones sibi impositas nec eas a capitulo[4] reuelabit sub pena incarceracionis per vnam mensem sequentem /

Et eciam iniunxit omnibus monialibus quod ipse omnes sint presentes temporibus diuinorum in ecclesia ibidem sub pena jeiuniacionis die sequenti pane et aqua pro quolibet defectu / nisi fortassis aliqua monialis ex causa iusta aut per licenciam priorisse a diuinis absens fuerit /

Quibus iniunctionibus sic factis dominus visitacionem suam ibidem dissoluit.

XXVIII

GRIMSBY, ST. LEONARD'S PRIORY

L. fo. 14*d*

Grymesby moniales

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM IN DOMO CAPITULARI XXVIIJ^{uo} DIE JUNIJ ANNO 1525 PER MAGISTRUM JOHANNEM REYNE REUERENDI IN CHRISTO PATRIS DOMINI JOHANNIS EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS CANCELLARIUM.

Priorissa videlicet domina Beatrix Tharrald[5] . Certificauit se exequtam fuisse monitionem alias sibi pro visitatione domini transmissam / viue vocis sue oraculo , quod dominus admisit . Deinde comparuerunt he sequentes moniales.

Asserit priorissa omnia esse bene /

Domina Elisabeth Harryson[6] . Nichil detegit reformandum / Fiat tamen iniunctis ne moniales sint comm . . . . .[7]

[1] *Alicie* cancelled.

[2] *Sic :* for *Walbanke*, whose family surname was possibly Blake.

[3] *cor* cancelled. [4] I.e. outside chapter.

[5] I.e. Thorold. *V.C.H. Linc.* II, 179, notes an anonymous Beatrice, who occurs as prioress in 1507.

[6] Subprioress at dissolution. See pension list, *L. & P.H. VIII*, XIV (1), no. 173, p. 51, in which the only change from the present list is that Anne Malett is gone and there is a new name, Margaret Bettnesse.

[7] Probably *commatres*. For an instance of a nun acting as a godmother see p. 126 above.

Domina Johanna Rosse[1] . Asserit singula in monasterio recte gubernari.

Domina Anna Malett[2] . Perfecte singula peraguntur.

Domina Isabella Kyngston[3] . Religiose honesteque aguntur vniuersa.

Domina Mergareta Redsdale[4] . Cunta negocia monasterij perfecte aguntur.

Domina Beatrix Frankishe[5] . Omnia bene nec quicquam nouit mali.

Domina Johanna Londisdale[6] . Omnia sperat firmiter bene subsistere.

Qua quidem examinacione sic facta dominus visitationem suam ibidem vsque . . . . . [festum] Omnium Sanctorum proximum et quemlibet diem citra continuauit . . . .[7]

XXIX

HEYNINGS PRIORY

A. fo. 56*d*.

Hevynnynges monasterium

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE MERCURIJ IIJ^cio^ DIE AUGUSTI ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XIX^no^ PER REUERENDUM IN CHRISTO PATREM ET DOMINUM DOMINUM WILLELMUM DEI GRACIA LINCOLNIENSEM EPISCOPUM PERSONALITER.[8]

XXX

HIGHAM FERRERS COLLEGE

A. fo. 125.

Higham Fereys collegium

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN CAPELLA IBIDEM DIE LUNE XJ^mo^ DIE JUNIJ ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO CCCCC^mo^ XX^mo^ PER MAGISTRUM RICARDUM ROSTON VICARIUM GENERALEM ET CETERA , ASSISTENTE SIBI MAGISTRO JOHANNE BURGES IN SACRA THEOLOGIA BACALLARIO.

[1] Roosse in pension list.
[2] Prioress in 1529 (*V.C.H. Linc., ut sup.*). She probably died shortly after, as her name is not on the pension list.
[3] Kyngesdon in pension list.
[4] Prioress at the dissolution : Ryddesdale in pension list.
[5] Frankysshe in pension list. [6] Lowndesdale in pension list.
[7] Ff. 15, 15*d* are blank.
[8] No further record remains. At the dissolution the pension list includes the names of Jane Stanforde, the prioress, and eleven nuns (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIV (i).)

Nomina[1]

Magister Ricardus Willes custos
Dominus Willelmus Pollard vicecustos
Dominus Walterus Ireland preceptor gramatices
Dominus Johannes Lambart
Dominus Ricardus Sherrington
Dominus Robertus Elyot

Johannes Philip
Ricardus Hoore
Willelmus Perkyns
Willelmus Symson
} clerici

Johannes Osborne
Johannes Newton
Johannes Burton
Thomas Pillesbury
Ricardus Litilcester
Willelmus Lambert
} choriste

Ijdem habent vicariam ecclesie parrochialis de Higham Fereys.[2]

Et in terris et tenementis circiter annuum valorem[3] clxxxx li.[4]

Ricardus Britton auditor collegij , habens feodum annuale xxvj s. viij d. sub sigillo communi illius collegij ad terminum vite sue , non est diligens in officio suo nec est paratus annuatim recipere computos magistri et aliorum officiariorum collegij , adeo quod illius negligentia fit quod magister non reddit compotum annuatim administrationis sue / nec socij collegij sunt certiores de statu domus . Iniunctum est gardiano quod ipse reddat computum coram aliquo auditore et illum ostendat tam socijs illius collegij quam domino episcopo Lincolniensi seu alicui officiariorum suorum infra xiiij dies post festum sancti Michaelis proximum sub pena suspensionis a celebracione diuinorum.

Vxor Roberti Pen coci collegij sedet diebus singulis seu saltem

[1] Of the master and chaplains named here none were in the college in 1535 (*Val. Eccl.* IV, 309), when Robert Gulson (or Goldson) was warden, Thomas Freer vicewarden, and Nicholas Stere schoolmaster, and there were four other chaplains, Thomas Gamon, Thomas Pykkell, Roger Browne and Hugh Garsett. Distribution of money among the poor at the obit of Richard Wyles by his ordainment is mentioned *ibid.* He died in 1523 and was buried (master Richard Wylles) in the chancel of the church. The inscription on his brass is given by Bridges, *Hist. Northants* II, 175.

[2] The vicarage had been appropriated in 1357 to the dean and canons of the Newarke college at Leicester (*Hist. Hosp. & Coll. Annunc. B.V.M. in Newarke, Leicester*, pp. 32, 33.) When Archbishop Chichele founded the college at Higham Ferrers, 28 Aug. 1425, he decreed that the office of master or warden should be perpetual and compatible with the vicarage of the parish church, which was thus virtually annexed to it (*Cal. Pat. Rolls* 1422–1429, p. 473). The custom, however, was that the warden, after his admission to office by the archbishop of Canterbury, was presented by the dean and canons of the Newarke college to the vicarage, to which he was instituted by the bishop of Lincoln.

[3] *clij li.* cancelled.

[4] In *Val. Eccl., ut sup.*, the gross revenue was valued at £204 5s. 6d., the net at £156 2s. 7½*d.*, and, after deducting the chaplains' salaries, £93 1s. 9½*d.*

communiter in mensa in[1] aula collegij antedicti cum seruientibus magistri collegij , quod non videtur consonum honestati collegij . Iniunctum est gardiano quod[2] deinceps ipsa vxor non sedeat in mensa in aula vllo pacto , nisi fortassis cum alijs extraneis mulieribus per gardianum vocatis et neque sic nisi rarissime / sub pena preinserta.

Socij collegij aliquando exeunt collegium in villam de Higham pro ipsorum libito , soli eciam sine licencia , contra statuta collegij , cum deberent exire bini et bini et non sine licencia nec sine honesto commite . Iniunctum est istis socijs quod deinceps non exeant collegium in villam de Higham nisi bini et bini nec sine licencia , et est iniunctum gardiano quod ipse hoc faciat diligentissime obseruari / nisi fuerit in officio aliquis sociorum et exiuerit in causis collegij , sub pena contemptus.

Cauetur ex statutis collegij quod socij temporibus refectionum vtantur eloquio latino / hoc tamen hijs diebus non obseruatur / Iniunctum est quod hoc statutum deinceps obseruetur iuxta tenorem eiusdem.

Socij collegij deberent incedere in festis principalibus in eadem secta et in vno colore togarum . Hoc tamen non omnino obseruatur hijs diebus . Est iniunctum quod eciam hoc omnino obseruetur.

Non remanet in collegio copia aliqua munimentorum sub communi sigillo sigillatorum , nec est in collegio aliquod registrum huiusmodi actorum / Iniunctum est gardiano quod ipse deinceps faciat registrum munimentorum sub sigillo communi emanancium et aliorum actorum vtilitatem collegij tangencium.

Sunt iam in collegio nisi tres socij perpetuati[3] presbiteri , cum ex statutis deberent esse ibidem septem . Iniunctum est gardiano quod ipse citra festum *Natalis* proxime futurum prouideat de numero sociorum in collegij statutis expresso sub pena excommunicacionis , et quod interim habeat ibidem aliquos presbiteros conducticios et amotiuos qui onera sociorum poterunt supportare prout commode poterit prouideri.[4]

Et deinde xij^mo^ die mensis Junij retroscripto dominus vicarius generalis in capella dicti collegij iudicialiter sedens , presentibus ibidem gardiano et socijs presbiteris , visitacionem huiusmodi salua potestate transmittendi preinsertas Iniuncciones et alias oportunas [dissoluit].

[1] *all* cancelled. [2] *ipse* cancelled. [3] *Sic :* for *perpetui.*

[4] The original foundation, in pursuance of royal letters patent, 2 May, 1422 (*Cal. Pat. Rolls* 1416–1422, p. 441 ; 1422–1429, p. 472 ; printed *Monasticon* VI (iii), 1425–6), provided for eight chaplains, including the master or warden, four clerks and six choristers. The three priest-fellows in this case must mean the three named in addition to the warden, vice-warden and schoolmaster, unless it means that three of the six were only in deacon's orders. In 1535 (*Val. Eccl., ut sup.*) the number of fellows had been increased by one.

XXXI

HINCHINGBROOKE PRIORY

L. fo. 73

Fynchyngbroke[1] . . . .

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM IN DOMO CAPITULARI[2] . . . . . XXXmo PER DOMINUM CANCELLARIUM.

Domina Alicia Wylton priorissa[3]

Domina Agnes Higdon

[Priorissa] dicit omnia bene.

Domina Agnes Higdon dicit omnia bene.

Dominus iniunxit priorisse quod . . . . . citra festum sancti Michaelis . . . . prouidebit de alijs duabus [monialibus] . . . ibidem . . . .

Deinde dominus cancellarius [visitacionem continuauit usque ad] . . . diem Nouembris et quemlibet diem citra.

XXXII

HUMBERSTONE ABBEY

1. A. fo. 56.

2. L. fo. 3*d*

1

[4] Humbreston monasterium ordinis sancti Benedicti

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM PER MAGISTRUM RICARDUM ROSTON DOMINI WILLELMI EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS VICARIUM IN SPIRITUALIBUS GENERALEM DIE[5] JOUIS XXIJmo DIE JULIJ ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO CCCCCmo XIXno.

Dominus abbas[6] dicit quod commonachi sui non surgunt ad matutinas temporibus nocturnis vt deberent et consueuerunt.

Dicit eciam dominus abbas quod monachi aliquando pernoctant extra monasterium contra preceptum suum.

Dominus Willelmus Bridlington[7] dicit quod dominus abbas

[1] *Sic.* [2] Part of word cancelled.

[3] She was still prioress in 1535 (*Val. Eccl.* IV, 255). The name of the prioress at the dissolution is left blank in the grant of the site, etc., of the priory to Richard Williams or Crumwell, 8 March, 1537–8 (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIII (i), g. 646 (12), pp. 241, 242.)

[4] *Welhoo* cancelled. [5] *Sabbati.*

[6] The name of this abbot is not forthcoming. The name of William Connyby, i.e. Coningsby, occurs in 1522 (*V.C.H. Lincoln*, II, 134).

[7] He was one of the six signatories to the acknowledgment of the Royal Supremacy, 19 Aug, 1534 (*Monasticon*, IV, 430. See *L. & P.H. VIII*, VII, 1121 (30), p. 441).

nullum reddit computum administracionis sue , nec sunt fratres certiores de statu monasterij.

Dominus Johannes Tikkyll dicit quod abbas non reddit computum et quod non habent exequias semel in anno pro fundatore monasterij vt deberent[1] . Et eciam dicit quod[2] parce habent cibaria , nec sunt fercula sufficiencia neque esculenta salubria.

Dominus Robertus Conesby[3] dicit vt predicti fratres sui dixerunt.

Dominus Thomas Ernysby[4] nuper abbas dicit quod monachi circumeunt patriam ad exequias et missas pro defunctis dicendas et omittunt atque negligunt officia diuina in monasterio , nec orant pro benefactoribus monasterij vt deberent . Dicit eciam quod sunt ibidem nisi duo dumtaxat monachi preter abbatem et [istum deponentem].

Et quedam generosa nuncupata magistra Flemyng hospitatur infra monasterium quam cupiunt amoueri ; et petunt ne alique mulieres hospitentur infra monasterium.

Dicitur eciam quod dominus episcopus Lincolniensis est fundator illius monasterij.[5]

Dicunt eciam abbas et conuentus quod terre et tenementa monasterij atque possessiones eiusdem extendunt ad lx libratas , et quod tenementa sunt competenter reparata.

Duo calices / quinque cape / tria integra vestimenta pro presbitero diacono et subdiacono / ij alia vestimenta / ij . . . . . / j baculus pastoralis valde sumptuosus / et habent libros sufficientes . . . . . vnum ciphum argenteum vocatum A nute , oues xiij^{xx} boues xvj , vaccas . . . . porcos xxx / x^{cim} quarteria frumenti / xij quarteria brasij . Possunt vendere annuatim xx quarteria frumenti ex incremento iconomie.

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[6] Humbreston monasterium

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM PENULTIMO DIE JUNIJ ANNO DOMINI 1525to PER MAGISTRUM JOHANNEM RAYNE REUERENDI IN CHRISTO PATRIS DOMINI JOHANNIS EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS CANCELLARIUM.

Exhibito primitus per abbatem certificatorio in scriptis sub

[1] The reputed founder was William son of Ralph son of Drew (Drogo), temp. Hen. II. See *Monasticon* IV, *ut sup.*

[2] *quod* cancelled.

[3] I.e. Coningsby. His name is affixed to the acknowledgment of the Royal Supremacy (see note 7, p. 167 above), and appears as Robert Conysbe in the pension list (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIII (i), p. 576).

[4] I.e. Arnesby.

[5] It is not clear how the patronage had lapsed into the bishop's hands, nor is its earlier history very clear.

[6] *Welhoo* cancelled.

sigillo officij sui comparuerunt personaliter hij subsequentes monachi.

Dominus Stephanus abbas.[1]
Frater Willelmus Brydlington
Frater Johannes Beywys.
Frater Robertus Verges

Quibus ibidem personaliter constitutis ac expositis verbo Dei et articulis huiusmodi visitacionis per dominum visitatorem , idem visitator ad inquisicionem et examinacionem monachorum processit ; qui omnes separatim examinati dixerunt et detegerunt[2] vt sequitur /

Abbas . Fratres non sunt obedientes abbati / Aliquando exeunt monasterium sine licencia et ludunt ad tennisios in villa de Humberston[3] . Dominus iniunxit omnibus monachis quod ipsi omnes sint obedientes abbati et alijs suis superioribus vt deberent / Item iniunxit[4] omnibus monachis ne aliquis ipsorum aliquo modo exeat monasterium sine licencia et quod non intrent villam de Humbreston nec ibidem ludant nisi de expressa licencia et ex causa iusta / et quod nullo modo ludant ad tenisios.[5]

Bridlyngton . Abbas subtrahit ab isto deponente v s. iiij d. annuatim pro satisfaccione xiij s. iiij d. quos ipse re vera non deberet soluere . Fratres Bewys et Verges non sunt omnino obedientes / Monachi non habent jantacula[6] / nec habent panem neque potum nisi in promptuario abbatis , et cum pincerna abest monachi non poterunt habere potum antequam ipse reuertatur / Abbas non soluit stipendia monachorum vt deberet sed subtrahit partem stipendiorum suorum . Dominus iniunxit abbati quod ipse soluat annuatim cuilibet monacho stipendium xx s. pro vestimentis suis emendis / Et eciam iniunxit abbati quod monachi habeant aliqua iantacula diebus feriatis / et eciam quod monachi monasterij habeant panem et potum necessarios singulis diebus in infirmaria[7] hora quarta post meridiem et iterum post cenam.

Bewys . Abbas non soluit stipendium abbatis[8] sed subtrahit magnam partem eorundem stipendiorum . Monachi non habent jantacula nec bibunt ante horam xj^{am} vel xij^{am} singulis diebus , nec habent potum in infirmaria nec possunt habere potum nisi a promptuario abbatis / Abbas contra honestatem domus et religionis

[1] *V.C.H. Linc.* II, 134, notes Stephen as abbot in 1525. Of the three other monks Brydlington and Beywys (Bewys) were still in the convent in 1534 (see p. 167 above, note 7).
[2] *Sic.* [3] *Nota* in margin. [4] *abbati* cancelled.
[5] The earliest use of the word 'tennis' in English quoted in *N.E.D.* is by Gower c. 1400. On the history of the word and its origin see also *N.E.D.*
[6] *Jentaculum* is the *petit déjeuner* or informal breakfast taken to stave off hunger for the *prandium* or mid-day meal.
[7] Written as if *infirmariam.* [8] *Sic* : for *monachorum.*

incedit diebus feriatis vestibus laceratis et immundis / et laborat circa fenum et grana ad modum laici / et facit omnes monachos suos ita laborare ab hora octaua vsque horam quintam vel sextam post nonam / nullo religioso dimisso infra monasterium , et compellit monachos suos in anglicis to in[1] the water to the calff of the legg a[2] to the kne to fetche the hay owt off the water[3] Dominus iniunxit abbati quod ipse congruis horis et certis habeat refectiones suas tam in cena quam in prandio , et quod ipse non compellat fratres suos laborare in feno vel granis nisi fortassis per duas vel iij horas in die ita quod non omittantur diuina officia ea occasione ; et quod tam ipse abbas quam monachi honeste incedant / et quod semell in anno monachi de licencia abbatis semell in septimana omnes insimul in recreacione exeant et simul reuertantur nec intrent aliquam domum.

Verge[4] . Stipendia monachorum subtrahuntur / officia diuina fiunt sine nota . Dominus iniunxit quod amoda[5] cantent missas et alia prout commode poterunt.

Quibus quidem iniunctionibus sic factis dominus visitacionem suam ibidem[6] vsque primum diem Maij proximum et quemlibet diem citra / continuauit.

XXXIII

HUNTINGDON PRIORY

1. A. fo. 138
2. L. fo 73*d*

1

Hunt' prioratus

VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM PER DOMINUM WILLELMUM EPISCOPUM LINCOLNIENSEM PERSONALITER XJ^{mo} DIE JUNIJ ANNO DOMINI 1518mo IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM.

Terre et tenementa monasterij ad extra sunt in magna ruina / Atque eciam rectorie et cancelli ecclesiarum prioratui appropriatarum sunt nimium ruinosi.[7]

Eciam domus nonnulle infra situm prioratus edificate ob defectum debite reparacionis magnum paciuntur decasum et minantur ruinam.

[1] *Sic.* What is needed is obviously 'to go in.'
[2] *Sic :* for *or.*
[3] *Nota* in margin : *Verges* cancelled.
[4] *Sic :* for *Verges.*
[5] *Sic :* for *amodo.*
[6] *dissoluit et ipsos in pace di* (sic) *dimisit* cancelled.
[7] The appropriated churches were Great Gidding, Great Stukeley, Hail Weston, Hartford, Hemingford Grey and Winwick in Huntingdonshire and Evenley in Northamptonshire. See *V.E.* IV, 154.

Prioratus ille nonnullis creditoribus extat indebitatus ad summam[1] cxxx li.

Jocalia prioratus[2] impignorantur et nescit conuentus in quorum sunt custodia.

Canonici non sunt presentes in choro temporibus diuinorum diurno et nocturno temporibus / videlicet senescallus et celerarius.

xiiij Junij anno predicto dominus in domo capitulari ibidem iudicialiter sedens continuauit visitacionem suam vsque ad[3] festum Pasche proximum et quemlibet diem citra et deputauit suppriorem et dominum Johannem Godmynchester administratores spiritualium et temporalium illius domus.

Deinde die Martis iij^{cio} die Augusti anno predicto magister Thomas Swayn domini Lincolniensis episcopi commissarius in domo capitulari ibidem iudicialiter sedens visitacionem domini episcopi ibidem pendentem vsque ad et in diem Martis proximum post festum Ascensionis Domini proximum[4] et ad quemlibet diem citra cum continuacione dierum tunc sequencium de consensu prioris et totius capituli ibidem continuauit et prorodauit.

Edwardus Watson.[5]

2

Huntyngdon . . . .

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO . . . . . .

[Facto] primo certificatorio . . . . . comparuerunt omnes . . . . . .

Dominus Willelmus Gidding prior[6]
Dominus M . . . . . breng . . . subprior
Dominus Thomas Southo senescallus
Dominus Edmundus . . . . Hemingford sacrista

[1] *c* blotted and cancelled.
[2] *one* cancelled.
[3] *finem* cancelled.
[4] 7 June, 1519.
[5] Edward Watson's customary *parafe* between Christian name and surname.
[6] This record is in such a bad state that it is almost undecipherable. There were, however, ten canons, including the prior, and one lay brother. The last prior, Robert Broughton, had died in 1521 : the priory was then in the king's hands owing to the attainder of Edward, duke of Buckingham, and a *congé d'élire* was granted 6 Nov. (*L. & P.H. VIII*, III (ii), no. 1747, p. 737). Presumably William Gidding was elected. He resigned in 1532 : the consequent *congé d'élire* bears date 30 May (*ibid.* V, g. 1139 (4), p. 507), and on 23 July the royal assent was given to the nomination of Hugh Whitwick by the bishop of Lincoln (*ibid.* V, g. 1207 (43), p. 530). The house, wrote the bishop to Cromwell on 21 Nov., was 'left almost as poor as Job by the negligence of the last prior' (*ibid.* V, no. 1565, p. 657). In 1534 twelve canons subscribed to the Royal Supremacy (*ibid.* VII, no. 891, p. 329). There were nine signatories to the surrender, 11 July, 1538, among whom were Hugh Oliver the prior, obviously identical with Whitwick, and William Williams, sometime prior, who may similarly be identified with Gidding (*ibid.* XIII (i), no. 1360, p. 507). Of eight names on the pension list, it is difficult to identify any positively with a name in the present list.

Dominus Nicholaus Elington sacerdos
Dominus Johannes . . . . . .
Dominus Willelmus . . . . . .
Dominus Johannes . . . . . .
Dominus Laurencius . . . . . .
Frater Willelmus . . . . . .
. . . . . .

XXXIV

IRTHLINGBOROUGH COLLEGE

1. L. fo. 118

2. L. fo. 121

1

Yrtlingburgh collegium[1]

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM IN CAPELLA BEATE MARIE DIE VENERIS PROXIME POST FESTUM SANCTI BARTHOLOMEI ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO CCCCC^{mo} XXX^{mo} PER DOMINUM CANCELLARIUM.

Decanus certificauit viua voce se exequtum fuisse litteras monitorias pro visitacione et deinde comparuerunt tunc ibidem hij subscripti videlicet.

Ricardus Stokes decanus[2]
Henricus Byrde[3]
Magister Egidius Cowpar[4]
Dominus Johannes Haldesworth[5]
} socijs[6] ex antiqua fundacione

Dominus Robertus Cartar
Dominus Robertus Moer
} socijs ex noua fundacione domine Chyeney.[7]

[1] This and the following record refer to the same visitation on 26 Aug., 1530.

[2] Master Richard Stockis, S.T.B., inst. to the deanery 22 Dec., 1519, res. by 10 Nov., 1526 (*Assoc. Soc. R. & P.* XXXV (ii), 291, 292).

[3] Henry Byrde or Brydde, inst. to a canonry and preb. 8 Aug., 1517, d. by 13 Oct., 1538 (*ibid*).

[4] Master Giles Cowper, A.M., inst. 16 Jan., 1527–8. He was still canon in 1535, but not at the dissolution of the college (*ibid.*).

[5] Canon (John Hallesworth) in 1535 (*ibid.* and *V.E.* IV, 310) : instn. not recorded. He was canon at the dissolution.

[6] *Sic.*

[7] Elizabeth Hodelston, daughter and heir of Henry Hodelston (d. 1490), who was great-grandson of John Pyel, the founder of the college, married Sir Thomas Cheyne, whose second wife and widow was Anne Parr, sister of queen Katherine Parr. Anne Cheyne presented to canonries in 1516, 1518–19 and 1528, and presumably augmented the endowment of two out of the six canonries provided for in the original scheme. No mention of Cartar's instn. remains, but More (or Moer) was a canon in 1535. See *Assoc. Soc. R. & P.* XXXV (ii), 267–292 : *The Early History of the College of Irthlingborough.*

Et istis sic comparentibus dominus articulos sui aduentus tunc ibidem eisdem proposuit ; et quia pestis ibidem reg[n]abat vt asseruerunt decanus et capitulum dominus visitacionem suam . . . . dissoluit.

2

Yrtlingburgh collegium

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN ECCLESIA COLLEGIATA IBIDEM IN CAPELLA BEATE MARIE IBIDEM D[IE] VENERIS PROXIMA POST FESTUM SANCTI BARTHOLOMEI ANNO DOMINI M° CCCCC^mo XX[X^mo] PER DOMINUM CANCELLARIUM.

Comparentibus ibidem presbiteris dominis / Ricardo Stokes decano / Henri[co] Berde magistro Egidio Cowpar et domino Johanne Haldesworth socij[s] ex antiqua[1] fundacione necnon dominis Roberto Carta[r]et Roberto Moer socijs ex noua fundacione domine Chyne[y].

Dominus cancellarius exposuit articulos visitacionis et deinde ad exa[minacionem] eorundem[2] procedendum fore decreuit ; et deinde quia pestis ibidem regnabat dominus continuauit visitacionem suam ibidem vsque ad et [in] vltimum diem mensis proxime futurum continuauit[3] et in quemlibet diem iuridicum citra.

XXXV

IVINGHOE PRIORY

L. fo. 45*d*

Prioratus Sancte Margare[4] in Bosco

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM XXIIJ^cio DIE MENSIS MAIJ ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XXX^mo PER MAGISTRUM JOHANNEM RAYNE VTRIUSQUE JURIS DOCTOREM REUERENDI IN CHRISTO PATRIS ETC . CANCELLARIUM.

Facto certificatorio per priorissam comparuerunt omnes moniales subscripte videlicet.

Domina Elizabeth Wywell priorissa[5]
Domina Mergeria Hardewyke subpriorissa
Domina Lucia Long
Domina Johanna Bate

[1] *compo* cancelled.
[2] *processit* cancelled.
[3] *Sic :* repeated.
[4] *Sic :* for *Margarete*.
[5] Elizabeth Wyvill died in 1534, and Margery Hardwick was elected in her place (*V.C.H. Bucks.* I, 355). Margery Hardwyke was prioress at the dissolution : see pension list, *L. & P.H. VIII*, XIII (i), p. 575.

Priorissa . Dicit domus indebitatur creditoribus ad[1] summam lj s. iiij d.

Subpriorissa . Dicit quod domina Johanna Bate recessit a prioratu in vigilia sancti Nicholai et redijt domum circiter dominicam Passionis[2] . Alias omnia bene.

. . . . . .[3] Dicit omnia bene.

Dominus iniunxit dicte domine Johanne quod non exeat loca claustralia sine licencia priorisse et quod quolibet die Mercurij . Veneris et Sabbati ieiunabit pane et aqua et quolibet die dicet vij psalmos penitenciales et letaniam , et quolibet die dum vixerit dicet quinquies oracionem dominicam , salutationem angelicam et vnum symbolum apostolorum ; et ipsam a sentencia excommunicacionis quam incurrebat exeundo in apostasiam ipse absoluit.

Dominus eciam iniunxit priorisse quod ipsa quam citius poterit prouidebit [pro] duabus alijs monialibus.

Quibus iniunctionibus sic factis dominus visitacionem dissoluit.

XXXVI

KIRKBY BELLARS PRIORY

1. A. fo. 142

2. L. fo. 16

1

Kyrkby Bellers

Visitacio exercita in domo capitulari ibidem die xiiij° Julij Anno 1518mo per magistrum Thomam Swayn commissarij domini episcopi Lincolniensis.

Iste prioratus est de fundacione episcopi Lincolniensis[4] et habent ecclesiam parrochialem de Kyrkby Bellers eisdem appropriatam et eidem deseruiunt per vnum de canonicis ibidem ammotiuum.

Yniungatur priori quod ipse faciat fratres suos ingredi dormitorium hora consueta singulis noctibus . Iniunctum fuit priori quod ipse faciet hoc obseruari.

Frater Willelmus Wymondeham supprior est proprietarius : habet gregem ouium et nonnulla alia animalia de proprio vt asserit[5] / Ipse enim oues et illa animalia habent priuatam signationem ab

[1] *valorem* cancelled.

[2] From 5 Dec., 1529, to about 3 April, 1530.

[3] Probably *Bate*. There are faint tokens of Long's deposition above this, quite illegible.

[4] See for the history of this priory and its transmutation from a college of secular priests *Trans. Leices. Archaeol. Soc.* XVI, 129–212. The patronage seems to have lain in the bishop's hands from the time of its conversion into a priory in 1359–60.

[5] *Sic :* for *asseritur*.

alijs animalibus monasterij . Iniunctum fuit priori quod ipse citra festum[1] proximum videret statum ipsius Willelmi et quod ipse Willelmus deinceps abneget proprietatem.

Tenementa monasterij non sunt bene reparata . Iniunctum est priori quod ipse iuxta vires suas huiusmodi tenementa reparabit quamcicius commode poterit.

Subcelerarius non preparat pro canonicis esculenta salubria . Iniunctum fuit celerario quod deinceps preparabit victualia salubria fratribus honeste ministranda.

Dominus Johannes Kyrkby canonicus notatur de incontinencia cum quadam[2] lotrice monasterij . Dominus Willelmus Borow canonicus dicitur esse eiusdem conuersacionis seu saltem fautor talium.

Quidam ex canonicis domus nimis sero bibunt et garrulantur in cameris suis : tales sunt fratres Willelmus Borow , Johannes Kyrkby et Willelmus Muston et sunt suppriori quodammodo disobedientes.

Subcelerarius monasterij non attendit omnino ad honestatem domus , eo quod plerumque denegat fratribus suis victualia pro amicis suis et specialibus benefactoribus monasterij.

Fratres non sunt certiores de statu domus.

Dominus prior arguit et redarguit fratres aliquid in visitacionibus detegentes , et eos odio semper prosequtus est finitis visitacionibus et eosdem male tractat.

xv^mo^ Julij anno Domini m^o^ ccccc^mo^ xviij^mo^ magister Thomas Swayn in domo capitulari ibidem iudicialiter sedens visitacionem dissoluit.

2

[Kirkby Bellars][3]

Vi[SITATIO] . . . . . [ANNO MILLESIMO] CCCCC^mo^ XXVIIJ^uo^ . . . . . .

Prior exhibuit . . . . . .
hij subscripti vn . . . . .
Dominus . . . . . .
Johannes . . . . . .
Frater Wil . . . . . .
Frater Willelmus . . . . . .
Frater Wi . . . . . .
Ijdem prior pro . . . . . .
Stapleford /[4]

[1] Blank left. [2] Blank left for name.
[3] Much of this record is in very bad condition and almost irrecoverable.
[4] Probably this should run : Iidem prior [et conventus] pro[prietarii sunt ecclesiarum de Kyrkby , Buckmynster , Garthorp , Twyford et] Stapleford. See *Val. Eccl.* IV, 149.

Prior[1] Willelmus Borowe et Cly[fton] . . . . . .

Willelmus Borow sequitur . . . . . .

Dominus iniunxit Willelmo Borow et Johanni Clyfton ac al . . . . . surgere ad matutinas singulis noctibus nisi infirmantur.

Subprior Willelmus Borow celerarius abest plerumque a matutinis Et idem celerarius[2] custodit canes anglice greyhoundes quos pascit[3] pane / Dominus iniunxit dicto celerario quod ipse amodo non[4] custodiet huiusmodi canes anglice greyhoundes.

Wymondham . Dicit quod celerarius plerumque transit in villam de Kyrkby et ibidem sedet potando . . . . . Fratres cum accipiant recreaciones non insimul exeunt et insimul reuertuntur / sed quandoque exeunt singillatim / Orti canonicorum non bene seruantur . Prior non arguit fratres suos delinquentes vt deberet /

fo. 16*d*.

. . . . . negocijs domus . . . . . negocijs domus prior.[5]

[Prior non reddit compotum administrati]onis sue / Dominus iniunxit priori . . . . . citra festum sancti Andree Apostoli . . . . . idem festum huiusmodi compotum faciat.

. . . . . tum est supra.

. . . . . fratrum suorum in dimissione firmarum . . . . . firmarios et inducit peiores . . . . . augeri.[6]

. . . . . ipse citra festum faciet numerum augeri ad numerum . . . .[7] aliorum canonicorum honestorum et eruditorum in gramatica / citra festum Omnium Sanctorum proximum.

Dominus iniunxit omnibus canonicis quod cum exeant in recreaciones omnes[8] exeuntes insimul egrediantur et reuertantur , nec villam de Kyrkby aut aliquam[9] aliam villam ingrediantur et dum sunt extra insimul permaneant /

Et eciam iniunxit canonicis quod ipsi meliori modo custodiant ortos suos /

[1] The prior at the dissolution was William Kyrby (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIII (i), p. 575).

[2] *habet* cancelled.

[3] *preste* cancelled.

[4] *custodit* cancelled.

[5] A word cancelled.

[6] The general sense is that the prior in leasing farms acted without the advice of his brethren, turning out good lessees and admitting others of an inferior type. The last part of this *detectum* was probably a petition for an increase in the number of canons : cf. next paragraph.

[7] *diu* . . . cancelled and another word written above. In 1536 there were eight canons ' besides the prior, all priests of good conversation and living, and keeping good hospitality ' (*L. & P.H. VIII*, X, no. 1191, p. 496).

[8] *simul* cancelled.

[9] A word cancelled.

Et hijs iniunctionibus sic factis dominus visitator visitationem suam huiusmodi dissoluit. /[1]

XXXVI

KYME PRIORY

L. fo. 8

Kyme prioratus[2]

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE JOUIS XVIIJmo DIE MAIJ ANNO DOMINI 1525mo PER MAGISTRUM JOHANNEM REYNE DOMINI JOHANNIS EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS CANCELLARIUM.

Exhibito primitus certificatorio per priorem in scriptis comperunt[3] hij subscripti.

Dominus Radulphus Fayrfax prior[4] . Subprior est nimis remissus aliquando in concedendo licentias *canonicis* egrediendi monasterium.

Dominus Thomas Bright subprior[5] Dominus Oliuerus Elward non est omnino obediens subpriori.

Dominus Johannes Feriman capellanus capelle sancti Thome[6] Dominus Oliuerus Elward est aliqualiter rixosus inter fratres suos

Dominus Oliuerus Elward . Nichil detegit reformandum.

Dominus Johannes Bryce precentor et sacrista . Nichil detegit reformandum.

Dominus Georgius Hunt capellanus capelle sancti Thome . Nichil detegit reformandum.

Dominus Johannes Wake presbiter parrochialis . Dominus Oliuerus Elward est quandoque verbosus.[7]

Dominus Johannes Favell succentor . Nichil detegit reformandum.

Dominus Johannes Baxter . Nichil detegit reformandum.

Dominus Robertus Steille . Dominus Oliuerus Elward est aliquando disobediens et verbosus.[8]

Qua quidem examinacione sic facta dominus iniunxit dicto domino Oliuero Elward quod ipse deinceps abstinebit se a verbis

[1] Ff. 17, 17*d*, 18, 18*d* left blank.

[2] *Styxwold* cancelled.

[3] *Sic* : for *comparuerunt*.

[4] Prior at the surrender, 6 July, 1539 (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIV (i), no. 1222, p. 546).

[5] Not on the pension list after the dissolution. John Farnam, subprior at the surrender, called Feriman below, appears as Farman on the pension list (*ibid.* XIV (i), no. 1280, p. 563). Of the others Wake, Bryce, Favell, Elward and Baxter are all on the pension list as 'aged men', together with one Richard Browne. The names of Hunt and Steille are wanting. Two young men, Robert Ellyngton and Robert Lunde, are on the list.

[6] Probably at North Kyme. Two chaplains at 'Northeholm' are mentioned in 1526 (*Subsidy*, p. 92).

[7] Wordy in the sense of quarrelsome.

[8] *rix* cancelled.

contumeliosis et quod erit obediens priori , subpriori et alijs senioribus suis.

Item iniunxit subpriori quod ipse amodo non sit lenis in[1] licencijs exeundi monasterium canonicis concedendis.

Item iniunxit omnibus de capitulo quod ipsi temporibus quibus de licencia exeunt monasterium non ingrediantur aliquam domum ville de Kyme aut alibi.

Et deinde hijs iniunctionibus sic factis dominus visitator visitacionem suam huiusmodi ibidem dissoluit et ipsos omnes in pace dimisit.[2]

XXXVII
LANGLEY PRIORY
A. fo. 137

LANGLEY VISITACIO EXERCITA IBIDEM PER MAGISTRUM THOMAM SWAYN COMMISSARIUM ETC . DIE SABBATI IIJ^{cio} DIE JULIJ ANNO 1518mo.[3]

Domina Mergareta Chatterton et domina Anna Fairfeld non sunt omnino obedientes neque pacifice sed plerumque discordantes / Iniunctum fuit tunc eisdem quod deinceps obedirent suis supperioribus et quod non discordarent.

Duo ciphi domus impignorantur magistro Lemyngton pro iiij li. vj s. viij d. / Domina priorissa promisit istos duos ciphos citra festum sancti Michaelis proximum redimere.

Domina Mergareta Chatterton non surgit singulis noctibus ad matutinas vt alie moniales ibidem faciunt / Iniunctum fuit quod deinceps surgeret /

Eisdem die et loco prefatus dominus commissarius iniunxit priorisse quod ipsa deinceps annuatim redderet computum administrationis sue et huiusmodi computum publicaret coram sororibus suis semell in anno in domo capitulari.

Et sic visitacionem ibidem dissoluit /.

XXXVIII
LAUND PRIORY
L. fo. 20*d*

Launde prioratus visitatio

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE VENERIS VIDELICET XXIIIJ^{to} DIE MENSIS JULIJ ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XXVIIJ^{uo} PER DOMINUM CANCELLARIUM.

[1] *huiusmodi* cancelled. [2] Fo. 8*d* is blank.

[3] The details of this visitation are very scanty. In 1536 it was reported that the nuns were ' six besides the prioress, who is of great age and impotent ; all are of good and virtuous living and conversation ; one is sister to the late Sir Ric. Saccheverell, almost 80 years old, ' one other is in regard a fole ' (*L. & P.H. VIII*, X, no. 1191, p. 497).

Exposito verbo Dei per magistrum[1] Cleyton vicarium de Bukmynster prior de Landa certificauit se citasse omnes confratres suos per littera suas sigillo *communi* sigillatas . Comparuerunt isti omnes canonici subscripti.

Dominus Johannes Lancaster prior.[2]
Dominus Willelmus Stokkeston subprior.[3]
Dominus Willelmus Peatelyng[4]
Dominus Johannes Lodington celerarius[5]
Dominus Thomas Medebourn sacrista[6]
Dominus Thomas Frysby refectorarius[7]
Dominus Willelmus Howghton precentor[8] (infirmus)
Dominus Willelmus Alderwas subcellerarius[9]
Dominus Willelmus Lecetur petecionarius[10]
Dominus Robertus Northampton succentor[11]
Frater Hugo Halstede nouicius[12]
Frater Robertus Lydington nouicius[13]
Frater Thomas Borow nouicius[14]
Frater Johannes Haloughton nouicius[15]

Ipsi prior et conuentus habent ecclesias videlicet ecclesiam de Lodington , ecclesiam de Tylton cum capella de Marfeld et[16] Whadbarow , ecclesiam de Frysby , ecclesiam de Ashby Folwell cum capella de Barysby / Ketylby cum capella de Holwell , ecclesiam de Welham , ecclesiam de Owdeby , ecclesiam de Ashby Leodegarij , ecclesiam de Weston cum capella de Sutton , Wardeley

[1] Blank. Supply *Johannem* (*V.E.* IV, 155).

[2] Prior at the dissolution, 16 Dec. 1539, and see pension list (*L. & P.H. VIII*, XIV (ii), no. 692, p. 256). For a strange story of an alleged attempt of a serving-man to blackmail him in 1536, see *ibid.* X, no. 1252, p. 522. A list of certain goods which he desired to retain after the dissolution includes 'certain stone with which he had intended to build a chapel for the late King and Queen, the present King and himself' (*ibid.* XIII (ii), no. 1123 (1), p. 469).

[3] Stokfaston, Stockfaston (i.e. Stockerston), *alias* Beyrege, in pension lists (*ibid.* XIII (ii), no. 1123 (2), p. 470 ; XIV (ii), *ut sup.*). Most of the canons bore local names. Stockerston, Loddington, Medbourne, Frisby, Houghton, Halstead, Liddington, Borow (Burrough-on-the-Hill) and Hallaton are all near or at no great distance from Laund. Peatling is a little further, Leicester and Northampton speak for themselves, and Alrewas is in Staffordshire.

[4] Not in pension lists.

[5] Lodyngton, *alias* Atkyns in first, Atkyns in second list.

[6] Metburne, *alias* Bowman, sexton, in first, Bowman in second list.

[7] Frisbie, *alias* Sotherey, without office, in first, not in second list.

[8] Houghton, *alias* Worthe, subcellarer, in first, not in second list.

[9] *Alias* Bayly, chaunter, in first, Bayly in second list.

[10] Leycester, *alias* Barton, in first, Barton in second list. The 'petitioner' was the officer who went on errands to collect alms for the house.

[11] Altered from *subcentor*. Not in either pension list.

[12] Halsted, *alias* Hely, subchaunter, in first, Helye in second list.

[13] Lyddyngton, *alias* Barret, in first, Barrett in second list.

[14] Bowrow, *alias* Palmer, fraterer, in first, Palmer in second list.

[15] In neither list. The pension lists contain only one new name, that of Ralph Wolston, *alias* Coke or Cooke ; but the first, containing the names of those desiring favour for the assignment of pensions, includes a late canon of Kirkby Bellars, Thomas Hughet.

[16] *capella de* cancelled.

cum capella de Belton ac medietatem ecclesie de Weldon . Non sunt vicarij instituti in ecclesijs de Lodington et Belton.[1]

Prior . Dicit omnia bene.

Subprior . Dicit omnia bene , set dicit quod refectorium est ruinosum multum , set prior habet parata multa necessaria pro reparacione eiusdem ; et silue[2] monasterij diminuuntur , set dominus prior fecit multas reparaciones et habuit multa onera[3] in solucionibus domino regi et alijs.

Lodington[4] . Dicit omnia bene . Dicit quod refectorium est nimis ruinosum , set dominus preparauit multa necessaria pro eodem.

Medebourn[5] . Dicit omnia bene . Refectorium est ruinosum et quandoque parum[6] pluit in ecclesia , set dominus preparauit plumbum et alia necessaria pro eijsdem.[7]

Frysby[8] . Dominus prior vult leuiter audire et credere querelas contra fratres *de Peatelyng* / *et clerici*[9] et non vult libenter audire fratres suos pro suis excusacionibus habendis / et post correcciones factas non tractat eos caritatiue sed recusat loqui eis longo tempore post correccionem . Dicit quod dominus est vtilis monasterio et bene prouidit pro pascuis suis et propter . . . . religionem infra domum . Dominus iniunxit priori vt caritatiue se haberet *erga*[10] fratres suos et quod non sit facilis ad credendum leuibus verbis contra fratres suos.

[Fo. 21.]

[11]Dominus subprior post correcciones factas aliquando non tractat fratres carita[tiue] set reuocat ad memoriam et recitat et[12] obijcit correcta / Iniunctum est subpriori, quod caritatiue tractet fratres atque caritatiue corriget correcciones et non apponat correcta contra correctos.

Refectorium est ruinosum vt supra . Silue monasterij diminuuntur.

[1] The churches are Loddington, in the parish of which Launde is situated, Tilton with the chapels of Marefield and Whadborough, Frisby, Ashby Folville with the chapel of Barsby, Abkettleby with the chapel of Holwell, Welham and Oadby, all in Leicestershire, Ashby St. Ledgers, Weston-by-Welland with the chapel of Sutton Bassett, and a moiety of Weldon, all in Northamptonshire, and Wardley with the chapel of Belton in Rutland. Loddington was probably served by a canon of the priory. Vicarages existed in the other churches with the exception of Wardley, here referred to by the name of its chapel, Belton.

[2] *eorum* cancelled. [3] *pro* cancelled.

[4] This and the names of the next two deponents are cancelled. The letter N is written over the initial of Lodington, probably the first strokes of M[edebourn]. It is probable that the deponents were confused in the notes made by the clerk.

[5] Cancelled. Some other name seems to have been begun first, as the first e is altered from d.

[6] *Sic :* the meaning seems to be 'it rains a little.'

[7] *Sic.* [8] Written over another name cancelled.

[9] The meaning is that the prior was too ready to hear the complaints of William Peatling and of the clerk Hodgis (see below) against the canons. The interlineation is obviously careless.

[10] *contra* cancelled. [11] Names of deponents omitted. [12] *l* cancelled.

Refectorium est ruinosum.

Ecclesia est aliquantulum ruinosa et refectorium est ruinosum.

Iniunctum est priori ne[1] mulieres accedunt[2] ad loca claustralia.

Peatelyng seminat discordiam inter priorem et fratres / et non est religiose dispositus , quia raro confitetur et terdum[3] recipit corpus dominicum . Iniunctum est Peateling vt desistat[4] ab huiusmodi seminacione discordiarum / et eciam sibi iniungitur vt sepius et multociens in anno confiteatur et repiet[5] corpus dominicum iuxta[6] ordinem religionis.

Clericus videlicet Thomas Hodgis fuit expulsus *monasterio de Wolleston*[7] propter seminacionem discordie ibidem et mendacias querelas.

Vicaria de Belton[8] appropriatur rectorie.

Vicaria de Lodington appropriatur rectorie.

Deinde dominus facta diligenti examinacione in premissis et salua atque reseruata potestate reuerendo patri domino episcopo Lincolniensi faciendi iniuncciones pro reparacione refectorij et[9] alias iniuncciones prout sibi melius videbitur visitationem sic dissoluebat.[10]

XXXIX

LEGBOURNE PRIORY

1. A. fo. 52*d*
2. L. fo. 12

1

Legburne prioratus

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM XIX^no^ DIE JULII ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUINGENTESIMO XIX^no^ PER REUERENDUM IN CHRISTO PATREM DOMINUM WILLELMUM DEI GRACIA LINCOLNIENSEM[11] PERSONALITER.

Quidam canonicus vicarius de Cawthorp[12] est confessor monialium .

Infirmaria non est perfecte reparata / neque satis bene preparata pro infirmis monialibus.

Alique ex monialibus aliquando laborant aliqualiter circa fenum faciendum / in presentia tamen priorisse.[13]

[1] *permittan* cancelled. [2] *Sic :* for *accedant.*
[3] *Sic :* ? for *interdum.* 'Seldom' is meant. [4] *seminac'* cancelled.
[5] *Sic :* for *recipiat.* [6] *ordines* cancelled. [7] I.e. Owston.
[8] Wardley is meant. [9] *alijs* cancelled. [10] Fo. 21*d* is blank. [11] *Sic.*
[12] Anthony Lewys, vicar of Little Cawthorpe in 1526 (Salter, *Subsidy*, p. 18), is called *canonicus* in 1535 (*V.E.* IV, 56). He was doubtless a canon of the Gilbertine priory of Alvingham, to which the church was appropriated.
[13] The prioress at this date was Agnes Otteley, called Otteby in *V.C.H. Linc.* II, 155.

Legburn prioratus

2

VISITACIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM PRIMO DIE JULIJ ANNO DOMINI 1525to PER MAGISTRUM JOHANNEM RAYNE REUERENDI IN CHRISTO PATRIS DOMINI JOHANNIS EPISCOPI LINCOLNIENSIS VICARIUM IN SPIRITUALIBUS GENERALEM.

Priorissa certificauit se exequtam fuisse monitionem domini pro visitacione sua et deinde comparuerunt omnes moniales ibidem inferius nominate.

Domina priorissa Agnes Otteley . Dicit quod domina Vrsula Tathewell est *aliqualiter* disobediens priorisse et alijs suis superioribus et reuelat reformaciones sibi impositas eciam laicis / Ipsa domina Vrsula est[1] aliquando familiaris cum extraneis presertim presbiteris / et ipsa confert amicis suis omnia fere que habet / videlicet duo cocliaria argentea / vnam iiij virgatas panni lanei quas priorissa sibi contulit / Non reddit statum nec compotum priorisse // Moniales domus confabulantur cum extraneis[2] aliquando sine licencia priorisse /

Iniunctum est priorisse ne admittat aliquas extraneas personas ad[3] commorandum infra prioratum nisi de licencia ordinarij / nisi juuenes pro quorum expensis est racionabiliter satisfactum , ita quod prioratus non deterioretur / Eciam ne aliqua monialis ibidem fiat commater alicuius / Et eciam quod omnes moniales sint ibidem obedientes priorisse et alijs suis superioribus / et quod nulla earum referat aliquibus extraneis correcciones sibi impositas nec alia secreta domus . Iniunctum est domine Vrsule Tathewell ne ipsa deinceps habeat aliquam familiaritatem siue colloquium cum extraneis nisi de licencia priorisse et tunc in conspectu *et presentia* ij vel iij sororum suarum / et quod ipsa non conferat aliquid alicui amico suo sine licencia priorisse / et quod ostendat statum suum priorisse cum[4] vocata fuerit sine dissimulatione / et quod restituat dicta cocliaria / et quod[5] ante festum sancti Michaelis proximum jeiunet vj diebus Veneris pane et aqua /

Agnes Gimmeld . Omnia perfecta ait esse in monasterio /

Alicia Fillbaron . Omnia asser*it* recte disponi in monasterio /

Agnes Garrett . Refert nichill mali in monasterio se cognouisse /

Elisabeth Pinchebek . Domina Vrsula Thathewell est aliqualiter familiaris cum domino Johanne[6] cantarista de Legburn / firmiter tamen credit quod nichill mali perpetratur apud eosdem / Moniales juniores existentes cum priorissa maiorem habent libertatem quam deberent aliquando habere / Domina priorissa est eisdem[7] *fauorabilis*

[1] *nimis* cancelled. [2] *et ita* cancelled. [3] *ho* cancelled.
[4] *Agnes Gimmeld* cancelled in margin. [5] *jeiunet singulis* cancelled.
[6] Supply *Scupholme*. See Salter, *Subsidy* 1526, p. 18 ; *V.E.* IV, 56 (Skopholme).
[7] *nimis* cancelled.

et aliqualiter remissa nec bene potest diligenter attendere eisdem . Domina Alicia Fullbaron est aliqualiter leuis condicionis in loquela sua[1] Iniunctum est priorisse quod ipsa omnem quam poterit adhibeat diligentiam pro monialibus junioribus honeste et religiose educandis et instruendis in regula religionis ac a consorcio secularium personarum conseruandis / Iniunctum est priorisse quod ipsa ammodo non admittat ad communas in dicta domo dictum dominum Johannem nec ad pernoctandum infra prioratum.

Amea Fisshewik . Omnia bene ordinata affirmat /

Johanna Godehand[2] . Omnia bene.

Vrsula Tathewell . Omnia bene ait.

Johanna Horsforth . Omnia bene.

Johanna Missenden[3] . Omnia bene.

Elisabeth Brown . Omnia recte inquit ordinari.

fo. 12*d*.

Iniunctum est eciam priorisse quod si aliqua monialis[4] egre ferat correctiones sibi impositas seu eas deploret aut reuelet quod[5] tunc jeiunet pane et aqua die sequente / Et si huiusmodi correcciones extraneis reuelauerit tunc incarceretur huiusmodi monialis per[6] septimanam sequentem /

Est eciam omnibus monialibus *iniunctum* ne aliqua earum[7] habeat colloquium cum aliquo extraneo nisi in presentia ij sororum suarum et quod nullo modo aliqua monialis admittat siue adducat aliquem *consanguineum*[8] suum ad cameram suam nisi de expressa licencia priorisse vel suppriorisse et[9] in presentia ij vel trium commonialium[10] /

Quibus iniunctionibus sic factis dominus visitacionem suam ibidem dissoluit ac ipsas omnes in pace dimisit.

XL

LEICESTER ABBEY

1. A. fo. 25

L. fo. 22

1

Leicestrie

VISITATIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE MARTIS XVIJ^{mo} DIE AUGUSTI ANNO DOMINI M^{o} CCCCC XVIIJ^{mo} . . . .

[1] *J* cancelled.

[2] *Sic.* Joan Gudband was elected prioress on the death of Agnes Orteley in 1529 (*V.C.H. Linc.* II, 155).

[3] Prioress in 1536. [4] Altered from *moniales.* [5] *se* cancelled

[6] A letter cancelled. [7] *vllo modo admittat* cancelled.

[8] Interlined above *amicum* cancelled. [9] A letter cancelled.

[10] *Et quod nullo modo adducant aliquem extraneum* (*non* cancelled with the beginning of another word).

DIES PREFIXUS PRO VISITATIONE ERAT DIES MERCURIJ : ATTAMEN DE CONSENSU CONUENTUS DOMINUS INCHOAUIT VISITATIONEM SUAM DE MERIDIE PRECEDENTI.

Dominus Robertus Broughton non est pacificus inter confratres suos canonicos sed aliquando litigiosus et vtitur apud eosdem verbis vituperiosis , nec est obediens superioribus suis / Vix celebrat in septimana / vix confitetur semel in mense.

Dominus prior est iam senectute confractus et licet sit dictus religiosus et bone vite / attamen non iam perfecte memorie neque habilis ad suscipiendum . . . . . in officio illo / Velit gaudere iam iubileo[1] . Idem non est modestus et indifferens in correccionibus sed eque innocentes punit et delinquentes.

Domini Thomas Hampton , Johannes Nottingam, Ricardus Dukket et Thomas Bothe , *Johannes Leicester* , dediti sunt omnino[2] ociositati[3] et licet sepius fuerint moniti et iussi per dominum abbatem et priorem quatinus sese aut lecture librorum / aut scripture seu alicui alteri laudabili occupacioni[4] et quod non exirent loca claustralia sine licencia : hoc tamen facere recusant nec huiusmodi iniunctiones perimplere curant.

Quidam ex confratribus obtinent gracias eligendi sibi confessores et absoluend[i] . . . . . cuius pretextu eligunt sibi confessores eciam iuniores canonicos , licet abbas aut alius presidens hoc prohibeat refutantes confiteri confessoribus ad hoc deputatis / Fiat igitur reformacio.

Aliqui ex fratribus petentes aut mittentes pro potu aut aliis esculentis et poculentis horis indebitis et insolitis , licet habeant sufficientia poculenta et alia , nolunt contentari , sed officiarios monasterii[5] vituperant et vilipendunt verbisque comminatoriis apud eos vtuntur.

Seculares seruientes domus custodiunt canes venaticos ad numerum excessiuum . Pueri viuentes de elimosina in monasterio non dant se studio vt deberent sed frequentant ludos et venationes.[6]

[fo. 25*d.*]

Debentur Willelmo Reynold de Thurmeston[7] vltra xx li. pro ouibus et aliis receptis per dominum Thomam Broughton / et eciam Radulpho Hopkynson pro frumento et arietibus xx et vij li.

[1] I.e. He would like by now to be taking advantage of the fiftieth year of his profession, sc. by retiring from office. The will expressed in *velit* was probably that of his brethren rather than the prior himself, though the form of the sentence indicates a personal petition by him.

[2] *ocis* cancelled. [3] *neque vol* cancelled.

[4] *Sic : darent* omitted. [5] *ministrant* cancelled.

[6] At Alnwick's visitation in 1440 the excessive number of hounds in the monastery had been noted. The reduced number of boys in the almonry, apparently from a maximum of twenty-four and an average number of sixteen or fourteen to six had also been a subject of complaint, and one canon said that these, instead of receiving necessary instruction, acted as errand-boys for the canons. See *Lincoln Vis.* II, 208, 209. [7] Thurmaston.

Abbas habet balliuum husbandrie Johannem Gybson non[1] multum vtilem . Ricardus Lee[2] . Equi et animalia seruientium pascunt in pasturis monasterii / Seruientes non sunt diligentes[3] . Willelmus Doleys est aliqualiter delicatus.

Dominus Johannes Babyngton miles contulit huic monasterio terras et tenementa ad summam . . . .[4] librarum pro obitu suo habendo et missa in capella beate Marie celebranda et xij d. distribuendis tempore obitus sui cuilibet canonico presbitero , qui quidem xij d. non distribuuntur / missa tamen vt dicitur celebratur. /

Deputetur vnus in officium hostillarii ad superuidendum orrea et alia negocia monasterii.

Johannes Wilcockes ministrans in promptuario non est honeste condicionis , sed fratribus petentibus poculum potus ministrat verba vituperiosa./

Sacramentum eucharistie non honeste collocatur.

[fo. 26.]

Leicester

Dominus abbas recipit omnia proficua officiorum cerelarii[5] et subcelerarii , camerarii , precentoris ; et licet sint officiarii in eisdem deputati officiis ipsi tamen non recipiunt prouentus officiorum huiusmodi / sed pecunias recipiunt ad manus domini abbatis pro omnibus necessariis / Petitur vt officiarii possint recipere prouentus officiorum suorum et quod singulis annis reddant computum.

Dicitur quod quidam Willelmus Plante defunctus legauit monasterio boscum et subboscum que prius emebat de eodem[6] nomine Thome Skevington videlicet illud quod non erat abscissum et venditum in vita sua / vt sepilietur[7] infra monasterium , vt est iam / et tamen relicta eiusdem occupat huiusmodi boscum et subboscum contra voluntatem defuncti in dispendium monasterii.

Prouideatur quod nedum regula sancti Augustini sed eciam constitutiones huius monasterii propalentur per presidentes[8] precipue subpriorem , et quod omnes fratres audiant , intelligant et obseruent easdem.

Cantarie et memorialia fundata per abbatem Willelmum Clowne[9] Willelmum Maluern et Ricardum Tomes non seruantur[10] , et licet

[1] *multem* cancelled.
[2] *Sic.* No explanation of the insertion of this name is apparent.
[3] *ad* cancelled.
[4] The number is not given in the MS, but the word *hoc* is written here, possibly in inadvertence for *octo.*
[5] *Sic :* for *celerarii.*
[6] *Sic :* probably for *quodam.*
[7] *Sic :* for *sepeliretur.* The wood and underwood were given to the monastery in return for the grant to the donor of the privilege of burial within the precincts.
[8] *presi* cancelled.
[9] William Clowne, abbot 1345—22 Jan. 1376–7. See Knighton, *Chron.* (Rolls Ser.) II, 125–127, for an interesting eulogy of his character and the benefit of his rule to the monastery.
[10] *neque* cancelled.

seruentur pecunie distribuende pro eisdem videlicet iij s. septimanatim *non*[1] soluuntur.

Fiant scedule super altaribus vt canonici cognoscere valeant nomina eorum pro quibus tenentur orare.

Quidam dominus Johannes Leicester canonicus non est doctus neque sapiens doctrine neque diligit addiscere.

Prouideatur ne fratres dent se potationibus post completorium saltem post horam consuetam , neque ludent ad tabellas , taxillos aut alia similia.

Prouideatur ne fratres exeant loca claustralia et presertim procinctum monasterii sine licencia et quod prouideantur sere pro hostiis claustri et huiusmodi hostia debitis horis claudantur.

Prouideatur quod herbagium terrarum dominicalium et parci applicetur ad vsum monasterii.

Est quidam Antonius Smalley seruiens domini abbatis habens stipendium quatuor marcarum qui cantare debet et rarius venit ad cantandum ; eciam alius nominatus Simondes habens quinque marcas qui deberet cantare et tamen non ita facit.

fo. 26*d*.

In Dei nomine Amen . Nos Willelmus permissione diuina Lincolniensis episcopus rite et legitime procedentes visitationem nostram ordinariam in[2] isto monasterio beate Marie Leicestrie inchoatam et adhuc in eodem monasterio pendentem dissoluimus / reseruata nobis potestate transmittendi et imponendi iniunctiones propter detecta et comperta in visitatione predicta prout nobis melius videbitur expedire.

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Leicester monasterium

VISITATIO EXERCITA IN DOMO CAPITULARI IBIDEM DIE JOUIS XXIIIJ^to^ DIE S[EPTEMBRIS ANNO] DOMINI MILLESIMO CCCCC^mo^ XXVIIJ^uo^ PER MAGISTRUM JOHANNEM RAYNE CANCELLARIUM.

Exhibito per dominum abbatem certificatorio in scriptis sub sigillo officij sui et eo perlecto ac omnibus canonicis inferius nominatis ibidem nominatim[3] preconisatis personaliter comparentibus , quorum nomina hic inferius annotantur , dominus Hugo Whitwyk prior ibidem verbum dei proposuit sermone latino sequens hoc thema Hec est religio munda[4] /

[1] Interlined above *pro* cancelled.
[2] *istom* cancelled.
[3] Altered from *nominatis*.
[4] Jac. i, 22.

Dominus Ricardus Pexsall abbas[1]
Dominus Hugo Whitwik prior
Dominus Ricardus Bromeley subprior
Dominus Thomas Broughton[2]
Dominus Willelmus Bottisforth
Dominus Robertus Sapcott
Dominus Johannes Leycester[2]
Dominus Thomas Bathe
Dominus Thomas Hampton[2]
Dominus Robertus Byrmyngham
Dominus Johannes Nottingham[2]
Dominus Ricardus Lichfeld
Dominus Thomas Dey
Dominus Johannes Boswourth
Dominus Thomas Whitwyk
Dominus Johannes Ilston
Dominus Johannes Greysley
Dominus Johannes Buxum
Dominus Thomas Dethyk[3]
Frater Nicholaus Hartington
Frater Gregorius Barkby
Frater Hugo Aston
Frater Ricardus Norton
Frater Willelmus Bramley[4]
Frater Robertus Welby

Deinde istis omnibus personaliter constitutis dominus cancallarius articulos visitationis sue tunc ibidem exposuit / Iidem abbas et

[1] Elected abbot March, 1507–8, previously cellarer (*Cal. Pat. Rolls* 1494–1509, pp. 594–95; *L. & P.H. VIII*, I, no. 438, p. 1259). He res. Jan., 1533–34 (*ibid.* VII, g. 147 (10), p. 255). Twenty-five canons are named here. There were twenty on the pension list in 1539, of whom only three survived from 1528, viz. Robert Sapcote, John Bosworth and John Buxum (*ibid.* XIV (i), p. 598). It is probable, however, that some of the surnames in the later list may conceal alternative names in the earlier and *vice versa*. Thus Richard Dukket, present at the visitation in 1518, appears on the pension list as Richard Duckyt, and was possibly the Richard Lichfeld of the present list.

[2] Mentioned at the 1518 visitation.

[3] In Nov., 1533, abbot Pexall, at loggerheads with his diocesan and attempting to obtain Cromwell's good graces as a counterpoise to the bishop's efforts to remove him, wrote to Cromwell's nephew Richard, asking him to influence his uncle in favour of Dethyk's appointment as prior. He was anxious to make Dethyk 'prior of my house and keep order with my brethren, who are now out of order.' The canons were afraid of Dethyk's strictness, if he were appointed, but if they knew of Cromwell's favour to him, 'this will pacify my brethren, and they will live quietly under him' (*L. & P.H. VIII*, VI, no. 1395, p. 557). After Pexall's resignation, he wrote, 10 Feb., 1533–34, to Cromwell: 'I beseech your favour for sir Thomas Deydyk, late my canon, for his good qualities. I had intended to have resigned my office to him as the ablest man in the house, and whereas the house of Thurgarton is now void, I pray you to help him to the prior's place' (*ibid.* VII, no. 169, p. 68). Dethyk was duly elected prior of Thurgarton (*ibid.*, g. 587 (11), p. 232), but resigned in Feb., 1536–37 (*ibid.* XII (i), g. 539 (39), p. 253).

[4] *Frater Willelmus Weldr'* cancelled.

conuentus habent ecclesias parrochiales subscriptas eisdem appropriatas videlicet Barkby , Barowe[1] , Hungarton , Humberston / Evington / Billesdon / Enderby cum Wheston[2] , Quennyborowe / Brakley / Chesham Leicestre , Cokerham , Lylleborn / sancti Mertini Leicestre /[3]

Abbas . Dicit quod dominus Thomas Whytwyk magister nouiciorum non est diligens nec indifferens in instruccione nouiciorum / aliquos diligenter instruit et aliquos alios minime curat instruere.

[fo. 22*d*.]

Dominus abbas[4] sedet solus in refectionibus / nec seruat horas consuetas , ex quo fit quod cum extranei accedant ad monasterium vna fit preparacio pro abbate et alia fit preparacio pro extraneis contra comodum monasterij , quia solebant extranei esse in refeccione cum domino abbate.

Abbas non deberet habere pro stipendio suo nisi duplum[5] stipendium canonici et tamen modo habet xl marcas / et canonicus habet nisi iij li. xvj s.

Nouicij non bene instruuntur incuria magistri et submagistri[6] nouiciorum , et ipsi nouicij non cantant diligenter temporibus diuinorum / nec sunt obedientes senioribus suis neque seruant silencium et alias ceremonias consuetas . Dicit tamen quod dominus Thomas Whitwyk est satis diligens circa instruccionem nouiciorum et precipue quorundam eorum quos viderit aptiores.

Dicit eciam quod prior prudenter diligenter et vtiliter gerit negocia monasterij , et credit quod eius medijs monasterium releuatur ab ere alieno saltem magna ex parte.

Dominus abbas est onerosus monasterio tam in refectionibus , eo quod solus commedit , quam in alijs donis et regardis pro quibus petit allo*ca*tionem /

Dominus Thomas Eton / exiuit monasterium et habuit capacitatem[7] , et modo viujt in monasterio et non incedit[8] vt canonicus nec aliquod onus gerit in monasterio , set habet ibidem seruientes , equos , canes , gallos et gallinas in dampnum monasterij.

[1] Barrow-on-Soar. [2] Whetstone.

[3] The list is not complete. See the list in *Lincoln Vis.* II, 210*n.*, from which, however, Cockerham in Lancashire is omitted. Other churches outside the county of Leicester mentioned here are Brackley and Lilbourne in Northamptonshire, and the moiety of Chesham, Bucks., owned by the abbey.

[4] This and the remaining paragraphs on fo. 22*d* appear to be composed partly of evidence supplied by the abbot and partly of notes derived from it to be included in the *comperta*.

[5] *feodum* cancelled. [6] *noui* cancelled.

[7] I.e. a licence or faculty. [8] *nec* cancelled.

Sunt in monasterio[1] quamplures canes venatici in nocumentum canonicorum , et deturpant ecclesiam claustrum domum capitularem et alia loca que deberent munda seruari /

Non habent in monasterio nouum festum Nominis Jhesu[2] . Petitur quod possint illud festum habere /

Supprior , qui vt asserit gerit pondus in choro , nichil habet nisi dumtaxat stipendium canonici / et petit quod aliquo alio modo releuetur.

[fo. 23.]

Broughton . Petitur quod quatuor canonici seniores poterunt esse presentes cum di . . . . . compotus iuxta aliquam consuetudinem / Modo canonici non sci[unt] statum domus , eo quod non audiunt compotum in fine anni.

Prior habet vnum lez blank[3] sub sigillo communi monasterij . Petitur vt restituatur.

Nouicij non sunt obedientes senioribus suis sed sunt nimis austeri[4] . nec seruant silencium neque alias ceremonias monasterij / loquntur enim cum fratribus et extraneis /

Nicholaus Hartingdon nouicius nescit cantare nec intelligit.

Dominus Whitwyk est diligens in instruccione nouiciorum , sed tamen ipsi nouicij nolunt aliquid discere /

Fratres magna ex parte sunt dediti ocio nec scribunt neque pingunt nec aliquid aliud boni operis faciunt.

Prior[5] . Dicit quod in monasterio est numerus excessiuus seruientium et canum.

Dicit eciam quod hoc anno expenduntur plura animalia videlicet *xlij* boues[6] plusquam alijs annis solebant incuria celerarij et officiariorum.

Dominus abbas circiter festum Pasche vltimum mandauit priori quod ipse solus non[7] recuperet redditus monasterij / contra admonicionem domini in ea parte factam /

Dominus abbas ex antiqua monasterij deberet consuetudine interesse in ecclesia in festis principalibus / et tamen vix interest cum illis in ecclesia.

Magister nouiciorum est diligens in instruccione nouiciorum et tamen ipsi non sunt docti nec obedientes senioribus suis incuria abbatis qui non vult partes suas interponere pro reformacione nouiciorum.

[1] *sunt* cancelled.

[2] See p. 137 above, note 2.

[3] I.e. a blank charter or bond.

[4] In the sense of *protervi*.

[5] The list of 'certain articles of wrongs and injuries done against the abbot of Leicester by his ordinary', drawn up in 1534 (*L. & P.H. VIII*, VIII. no. 1005. p. 383), includes complaints against Longland's maintenance of Whitwik in the office of prior against the abbot's will.

[6] *quam* cancelled.

[7] *recep* cancelled.

Celerarius non est prudens neque diligens in officio suo sed est nimis largus in officio suo et in expensis /

[fo. 23*d*.]

Dominus Johannes Buxum est submagister nouiciorum et quidam Hugo Massy juuenis cum quo idem Buxum prius erat notatus habet cotidie / accessum ad cameram et consorcium dicti domini Johannis Buxum contra ordinacionem domini episcopi.

Dicit eciam quod articuli extracti per dominum cancellarium et signati per registrarium[1] continent veritatem[2] /

[1] *sunt* cancelled.

[2] The nature of these articles, to whose truth five canons assented, is not very clear, but they appear to have been taken by the chancellor from a series presented by a body of the canons and, having been cast into shape by the registrar, submitted to the canons for approval before being sent on to the bishop. For some years the abbot and the bishop had been at variance, and the abbot's fear of being forced to resign was well grounded. In July, 1532, he sent Cromwell £40, an amount by which he had learned that 'you might sooner stay my troubles daily wrought against me for my office,' and beseeching Cromwell 'to use it as you shall think best for my quietness in Christ, and that I may have of the King or you a protection that my ordinary have no such stroke in my house as he hath had, to the disorder of me and mine.' A few days later the bishop warned Cromwell that Pexall would probably try to evade pressure to resign and send 'but a bare answer' to letters received. 'The man setteth more by his own wit now, and by such light counsel as he hath, than ever he did before. The place is almost undone by him and the longer he tarrieth therein the more it shall decay. If he come up, as he saith he will, I doubt not but ye shall perceive his wisdom; and yet in his words he shall sometime appear wise, although his acts doth not so ensue.' In August Lord Leonard Grey, at Cromwell's desire, told the abbot that he was likely to be removed on grounds alleged by the bishop, but that Cromwell would be his friend 'if he would order himself as Cromwell thought good'. He endeavoured to keep in Cromwell's good graces, writing in Oct., 1532: 'I desire nothing in this world but to continue my life in quietness,' and sending a present of two geldings, 'trusting hereafter to provide you with better.' The end, however, was inevitable. In July, 1533, he was fully aware that the king and Cromwell were determined to get rid of him, and, while thanking Cromwell for efforts on his behalf, wrote: 'I take God to record that I have not so demeaned myself but that my brethren in the country will count me upright. I shall be glad, if you advise me, to accomplish the king's pleasure, but I am loth to leave my room for the hurt that would ensue to the monastery and for miscomfort of my brethren who would be sorry to lose me.' His recommendation of Dethyk as prior has already been noted. This was early in Nov., 1533, when he was 'threatened with a visitation shortly' out of its proper season. The visitation followed in the course of the month, when, as the abbot wrote on 3 Dec., the bishop's chancellor 'has been here of late to disorder me in my house,' and his letters, conveyed to Cromwell by Dethyk, complained of the disquiet which for ten or twelve years the chancellor's visitations had caused and how 'he has maintained three or four canons put in office by the bishop, whom I have removed because they are unprofitable and put in others.' But on 26 Dec. he was thanking Cromwell 'for order taken for my pension which shall be my comfort in these my old days.' Further thanks followed on 5 Jan., 1533–34, when 'I have applied myself to accomplish what you propose in your letters.' He resigned by 14 Jan., when a *congé d'élire* was issued, followed by the election of John Bourchier, canon of St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield. See *L. & P.H. VIII*, V, nos. 1158, 1175, 1233, 1426 (pp. 513, 518, 537, 604); VI, nos. 755, 1395, 1496, 1565 (pp. 338, 557, 604, 605, 631); VII, nos. 18, g. 147 (10), g. 262 (9, 28, pp. 9, 55, 109, 110). For the new abbot's difficulties with his predecessor see *ibid.* VII, no. 579 (pp. 228, 229), and for the *gravamina* preferred against the bishop by Pexall, *ibid.* VII, no. 1005, (p. 383). Cromwell seems to have dealt tenderly with Pexall and done what he could for him: possibly the remembrance that it was Pexall who had received Wolsey into Leicester Abbey in 1530 may have given Cromwell a special interest in one who had shown this last hospitality to his dying master.

Johannes Leicestre . Dicit quod dominus abbas non celebrat nec ministrat in choro temporibus quibus deberet / neque in sepiliendo fratres morientes / Deberet eciam in principio cuiuslibet quarterij abbas celebrare missam de beata Virgine et[1] illis diebus deberet dare fratribus aliquid in augmentum pietancie / et tamen nec celebrat huiusmodi missam nec confert fratribus pietanciam /

Dicit eciam quod Edwardus Barfeld habet ad firmam rectoriam de[2] minori precio quam bene valet.

Dicit eciam quod prior est satis prudens et diligens in ministracione sua in negocijs monasterij / Dicit eciam quod dominus Lichfeld celerarius non est ita[3] vtilis / sed est nimis largus et commedet[4] in camera sua et nimis expendit et habet ibidem reueciones[5] excessiuas.

Dicit quod dominus abbas est nimis onerosus monasterio in refeccionibus suis.

Dicit eciam quod billa per[6] cancellarium ostensa et scripta est vera /

Dicit eciam quod dominus abbas subtrahit a conuentu pecunias suas deberent habere pro obitu domini Johannis[7] Babyngton videlicet a quolibet canonico xij d.

Nouicij non bene instruuntur nec in gramatica nec in ceremonijs relegionis.[8]

[fo. 24.]

Petitur quod dominus Thomas Broughton qui fecit iubileum[9] se[deat in] camera sua / et non in refectorio / qui deberet sedere et vi[uere] in camera sua et dum est in refectorio expellit seniores a locis suis /

Willelmus Bottisford . Dicit quod abbas celebraret in choro festis principalibus , et deberet sepilire fratres defunctos et tamen hoc non facit /

Edward off the Chamber et Antony Smalley faciunt dissensiones inter abbatem et conuentum /

Dicit eciam quod prior est prudens et diligens ac vtilis in sua ministracione pro monasterio.

Abbas habet excessiuum numerum seruientium.

Nouicij non sunt satis obedientes superioribus suis /

Dicit eciam quod articuli in billa extracta per cancellarium sunt veri / et credit quod abbas in refeccionibus suis est onerosus monasterio.

[1] *hoc non facit* cancelled. [2] Name left blank. [3] *vl* cancelled.
[4] *Sic :* for *commedit.* [5] *Sic :* for *reuenciones.* [6] *calli* cancelled.
[7] *bap* cancelled. [8] *Sic :* for *religionis.*
[9] The 'jubilee' of the prior was mentioned at the visitation in 1518. Probably Thomas Broughton was then prior.

Dominus Thomas Broughton sederet et commederet in infirmaria , et tamen hoc non facit /

[fo. 24*d*.]

[1]Dominus abbas deberet celebrare festis principalibus et sepilire fratres morientes , et tamen hoc non facit / et credit quod est onerosus monasterio , eo quod solus eciam horis insolitis habet suas refecciones.

Dicit quod prior vtiliter gerit negocia monasterij sibi commissa.

Abbas in negocijs monasterij vtitur consilio secularium seruiencium suorum.

Dicit eciam quod articuli signati sunt veri vt credit /

Deye . Dominus Thomas Day / dicit quod dominus subprior non facit compotum suum particulariter prout iste nouit / nec est eius compotus satisfactus[2] coram fratribus prout deberet ex antiqua[3] consuetudine monasterij / credit tamen quod fideliter administrat.

Bathe . Dicit quod dominus abbas habet excessiuum numerum seruiencium contra ordinaciones per dominum Lincolnsiensem episcopum factas / Idem abbas vtitur[4] consilio secularium seruiencium suorum spreto consilio fratrum suorum /

Dominus Lichefeld non est vtilis in officio suo / sed est nimis largus in exspensis suis tam in camera quam alibi.

fo. 25.

Non omnes fratres monasterij[5] habent caritatiuem[6] vnus erga alium / Dicit quod dominus abbas custodit certas[7] equos et equas in pasturis et vendit ad suum proprium vsum.

Dicit eciam quod[8] articuli in billa assignati sunt veri.

Hampton . Dicit quod dominus abbas ante visitacionem consiluit[9] fratribus suis ne aliquid detigerent in visitacionem[10] / Idem abbas non celebret[11] in choro in festis principalibus vt deberet /

Anthonius Smallei seruiens abbatis non est vtilis neque necessarius huic monasterio / sed creditur / quod est suscitator rixiarum[12] inter abbatem et conuentum /

Nouicij non bene instruuntur in ceremonio religionis , sed sunt proterui , elati , superbi et communiter loquaces tam cum fratribus quam cum extraneis.

Dominus Brawghton fecit jubileum et sic dimittitur ab oneribus

[1] The canon whose evidence is given in this and the next two paragraphs is not named.

[2] Altered from a word begun with *p* : the first *a* of *satisfactus* is rewritten above the line.

[3] Altered from *aliqua*. [4] Altered from *vtititur*. [5] *sunt* cancelled.

[6] *Sic* : probably *se habent caritatiue* was intended.

[7] *Sic* : should be *certos*. [8] *bille* cancelled. [9] *Sic* : for *consuluit*.

[10] *Sic* : for *visitacione*. [11] *Sic* : for *celebrat*. [12] *Sic* : for *rixarum*.

conuentus et a choro ac refectorio / et tamen sedet in refectorio , cuius pretextu seniores alij deponuntur a locis suis /

Dicit eciam quod articuli contenti in billa signata per registrarium continet[1] veritatem /

Dicit eciam quod idem abbas est onerosus monasterio in refectionibus suis quas habet cotidie extra horas consuetas / et nimis diu sedet in huiusmodi refectionibus /

[fo. 25*d.*]

[Byr]myngham . Dicit quod Anthonius Smalley et Edwardus Battfeld[2] suscitant discordias inter abbatem et conuentum / Sunt in monasterio quamplures canes venatici /

Dominus abbas consuluit fratribus in capitulo ne aliquid detegerent in visitacione.

Hugo Masse pluries accedit ad cameram domini Johannis Bucksom contra iniunctionem domini.

Nottingham . Dicit quod dominus Lichefeld non est vtilis in officio suo : nimis excessiue exspendit in le thecar[3] chambre / in refectionibus suis et aliter tam in die quam in nocte /

Anthonius Smalley et Edwardus Barkfeld non sunt vtiles / Suscitant discordias inter abbatem et conuentum.

Abbas non celebret[4] in choro in festis diuinis vt deberet.

Idem abbas nutrit in parco equos et equas / ac *eas* disponit ad libitum suum priuatum / Eciam subtrahat[5] a conventu xxvj s. viij d. legatos per dominum Johannem Twiford.

Idem abbas habet coquinam priuatam et seruiciam paratam aliquando in villa , aliquando in parco /

Domini Thomas Braughton et Willelmus Bottisford fecerunt[6] jubila et deberent ex consuetudine monasterij simul sedere et pariter commedere in firmaria / et tamen dominus Bottisford sedet in[7] refectorio /

[fo. 26.]

Lichfeld . Tres pueri , videlicet Cosseby , Flowre et alius *Lagan* inducuntur in [monasterium] absque consensu prioris vel celerarij /

Mulieres accedunt ad monasterium et quandoque in cameras canonicorum ad custodiendum canonicos vel pueros infirmos /

Canonici non ingrediuntur *dormitorium* statim post completorium / et si fortassis dormitorium ingressi fuerint , statim descendunt et intrant officinas et ibidem bibunt et vagantur in horas insolitas.

Dominus Thomas Bathe et alij canonici plerumque exeunt

[1] *Sic :* for *continent.* [2] *Rectius* Barkfeld.
[3] *Sic :* for *checar,* i.e. checker. [4] *Sic :* for *celebrat.*
[5] *Sic :* for *subtrahit.* [6] *in* cancelled. [7] *monasterio* cancelled.

monasterium in vicum vocatum Abbay gate , eciam ad domos et personas suspectas , quandoque ad nonam , quandoque post nonam , quandoque post completorium /

Et similiter plerumque exeunt monasterium causa venandi valde tempestiue in auroris , aliquando ante ortum solis , et ita facit dominus Johannes Nottingham.

Johannes Boswourth . Nichil mali detegit.

Thomas Dethyk . Dicit quod nouicij sunt nimis austeri et[1] indocti , et tamen dominus Whitwyk magister nouiciorum ipsos diligenter instruit.

Prior est vtilis et facit bonas prouisiones pro vtilitate monasterij.

Thomas Whitwyk . Refert se ad billas destinatas domino episcopo Lincolniensi , quas dicit esse veras in consciencia sua.

Buxhum . Dicit quod magister nouiciorum non instruit diligenter omnes nouicios.

Hartington . Dicit quod dominus Whitwyk magister nouiciorum ipsum[2] nimis leuiter instruit / et non est indifferens , quia aliquos diligenter / alios nimis leuiter instruit.

[fo. 26*d.*]

. . . . on . Dicit quod dominus Thomas Whitwyk magister nouiciorum est satis diligens instruendo[3] nouicios /

Dicit quod dominus Buxum admittit ad familiaritatem suam Hugonem Massy contra iniunctionem domini episcopi Lincolniensis.

Bramley . Dicit quod dominus Whitwyk non est indifferens in instruccione nouiciorum nam alios plus alijs instruit.

Robertus Welby . Dicit[4]

Ilston Johannes . Dicit nichill mali reformandum.

Gresley . Dicit quod dominus Broughton qui fecit iubileum et deberet commedere in infirmaria / modo permissione abbatis sedet in refectorio in preiudicium aliorum ibidem existencium.

Dicit quod prior satis[5] prouidit et vtiliter pro monasterio.

Dicit eciam quod dominus abbas nutrit equos in pasturis monasterij et tandem eos ad suum libitum confert amicis suis / contra iniunctionem factam per dominum episcopum.

Dominus Lichefeld subcelerarius plus debito expendit in le chekkar et illuc aduocat amicos suos , et ibidem edendo et bibendo sunt aliquando vsque mediam noctis[6] et sunt illic *nimis* large expense . Creditur quod hoc anno expendit vltra xx li. ibidem plus solito.

[1] *ru* cancelled. [2] *diligenter* cancelled. [3] *eo* cancelled.
[4] *Sic.* [5] *be* cancelled. [6] Altered from *nocte.*

[fo. 27.]

Deinde xxvj[to] Septembris dominus cancellarius in domo capitulari . . . . . ad reformacionem detectorum in visitacione premissa fecit iniunctiones [suas].

In primis iniunxit dominis Whitwyk magistro et Buxum submagistro nouiciorum quod ipsi amodo diligenter attendant ad instruccionem , informationem et[1] nouiciorum et quod ille dominus Whitwyk dosceret[2] nouicios tam in grammatica quam in regulis et ceremonijs religionis et in correccionibus diligenter instruat et reformet.

Dominus abbas ex sua spontanea voluntate . non per modum iniunccionis . dixit quod voluit prandere hora decima et cenare hora quinta pro commodo monasterij / si hoc sustinere poterit absque infirmitate ; alias horis quibus appetitus sibi aduenerit.

Dominus iniunxit domino abbati et omnibus canonicis quod amodo *non* sint in dicto monasterio vltra iij brase de lez greyhoundes et nulli alij canes nisi ij or iij cowple off spanyells pro[3] le haris.[1]

Item dominus iniunxit celerario quod ipse amodo diligentius attendat ad exercicium officij sui , et quod non permittat huiusmodi potaciones fieri in le chequar , et quod nullo modo sit nimis largus in offic[io] , et quod nec ipse nec prior admittant aliquos fratres ad potandum siue . . . ludendum in cameris suis saltem vltra horas debitas.

Item iniunxit domino Broughton quod ipse amodo sedeat et commedat in[5] infirmaria et non in refectorio /

Item iniunxit domino abbati quod ipse amodo non vtatur consilio laicorum seruientium plusquam confratrum suorum

Item iniunxit quod non ingrediantur alique mulieres loca claustralia monasterij aliquo modo nec ad cameras canonicorum.

Item iniunxit omnibus canonicis quod ipsi non exeant monasterium in vicum vulgariter nuncupatum the Abbey gate sine licencia expressa abbatis , prioris vel subprioris.

Item iniunxit domino Buxum quod ipse amodo non admittat Hugonem Massy ad cameram vel consorcium suum , et domino abbati quod[6] amoueat ipsum Hugonem a monasterio.

Et istis iniunctionibus sic factis , dominus visitacionem suam huiusmodi vsque proximum festum Natiuitatis sancti Johannis baptiste et sec . . . . . vel alias in proximum diem Martis tunc sequentem et quemlibet diem iuridicum interim.[7]

[1] *Sic :* word omitted. [2] *Sic :* for *doceret.* [3] *aucup* cancelled.
[4] Apparently this is the word. [5] *refectorio* cancelled.
[6] *amodo* cancelled. [7] Fo. 27*d* is blank.

APPENDIX I

Chronology of Longland's Visitations

The series of ruridecanal visitations with which the present volume opens belong entirely to the year 1530, which marked the conclusion of the ninth year of Longland's episcopate, and are concerned only with five out of the eight archdeaconries of the diocese. Much of the record is of a perfunctory character. Only in the archdeaconry of Oxford are its contents at all detailed. Here and there the monotony of *Omnia bene* and its equivalents is broken by an entry dealing with some less satisfactory aspect of local life. But there is less to be obtained from it than from the corresponding record left by Bishop Atwater ; and, in the case of the archdeaconry of Northampton, where details were wanting in the earlier set of visitations, the entries, slight and imperfect, omit as much as, and in fact more than they supply.

With their leading and most characteristic incidents, however, we have dealt at length in the introduction to the previous volume, as well as with the more fruitful series of monastic documents which accompany them. Something remains to be said of their chronology. As was pointed out in the same introduction, they are, with few exceptions, records of visitations undertaken by Longland's chancellor, official and vicar-general, John Rayne. The one document which is left from Longland's primary visitation of his diocese is the visitation of Burnham abbey on 4 November 1521 which is bound up in the volume of Atwater's visitations. Between this and a batch of documents relating to religious houses in the archdeaconries of Lincoln and Stow there is a gap of four and a half years. This last series, occupying the first fourteen leaves of the volume into which the visitations remaining from Longland's episcopate have been bound, formed part of a tour made by Rayne through the two archdeaconries in the spring and summer of 1525. There are no records of this from the rural deaneries, and when it opened we do not know. Rayne first appears on Thursday, 11 May, at Nocton Park, on the two following days at Bardney and Stainfield, and on Monday, 15 May, at Stixwould. Two days later he was at Tattershall, on 18 May at Kyme, from which he journeyed towards Stamford by way of Bourne on 19 May, and Newstead, close to Stamford, on Saturday, the 20th. The visitation probably was abandoned, then or shortly after, for the time being during Ascensiontide and Whitsuntide. It was resumed about a month later, this time in the north of the county, where the remaining dates are : Friday, 23 June, Thornton ; Monday, the 26th, Nun Coton ; Tuesday, the 27th, Wellow abbey ; Wednesday, the 28th, St. Leonard's, Grimsby ; Thursday, the 29th, Humberstone abbey, the three last being in or

near Grimsby. Two days later, on Saturday, 1 July, he had moved southward to Legbourne ; on Monday, 3 July, he was at Greenfield, and on Tuesday, the 4th, at Markby. While this implies considerable energy, the tour did not exhaust the religious houses of the county subject to episcopal visitation, and to its initial and final dates we have no certain clue.

The data for Rayne's visitation of the archdeaconry of Leicester in the summer of 1528 are as incomplete. Here only a few visitations of monasteries are recorded. On Thursday, 16 July, he was at Gracedieu ; a week later at Owston, and on 24 July at Laund ; but it was not until Thursday, 24, and Friday, 25 September, that he visited the abbey and the Newarke college at Leicester. No doubt, these dates occurred in the course of a general visitation of the archdeaconry, those in July pointing to its northern and eastern deaneries. The visitation of Kirkby Bellars, which was locally in the deanery of Framland, probably belongs to the July series, but the MS. is imperfect and in bad condition.

The five remaining archdeaconries occupied the spring and summer of 1530. The visitation began in the northern part of the archdeaconry of Huntingdon, and apparently with the deanery of Leightonstone, as we find Rayne at Stonely priory, near Kimbolton, on Friday, 8 April. Dates for Huntingdon priory and the neighbouring priory of Hinchingbrooke are wanting, as well as for St. Neots priory, and Holy Week and Easter (17 April) intervened between the first date and Wednesday, 27 April, when Rayne was at St. Ives. It is not beyond legitimate conjecture to assume that he had spent the season at his prebendal rectory of Brampton, close to Huntingdon, engaged, as Dean Macworth had pleaded in excuse for his absence from Lincoln in the Lent of 1443, in hearing the confessions of his parishioners,[1] or, like Peter Partrich at Biddenden, in recreating his parishioners with preachings.[2] Be that as it may, Monday, 2 May, found him engaged in a ruridecanal visitation at St. Neots. It was now probably that he visited St Neots priory. On Friday, 6 May, he was at Bushmead and on the following day at Newnham priory on the outskirts of Bedford. As he was still at Bedford, visiting the other local priory, Caldwell, on 10 May, and had moved on to Dunstable by the 13th, we may put the deaneries of Eaton and Shefford as visited before 7 May, the combined deaneries of Bedford and Clapham between 7 and 10 May, and those of Flitt and Dunstable between the 10th and 13th. On the 14th he moved into the Hertfordshire deaneries of the archdeaconry of Huntingdon by way of Markyate priory on Watling Street. Hence he went north-eastward to Hitchin, where he sat judicially in the parish church on 15 May, the fourth Sunday after Easter. Wymondley priory followed on Tuesday, the 17th, and during this week he had ample time for the deaneries of Hitchin, Baldock and Hertford,

[1] *Lincoln Cath. Statutes*, III, 459. [2] *Cal. Papal Letters*, VII, 497.

probably visited in that order. At its end, he was in the deanery of Berkhampstead, at Flamstead priory, not far from Markyate, which he had left a week earlier.

Ivinghoe priory, on 23 May, marks the beginning of the visitation of the archdeaconry of Buckingham, and the Tuesday on which Rayne was at the house of the Precious Blood at Ashridge was probably the 24th, unless he spent Rogationtide and Ascensiontide in that neighbourhood, postponing his visitation till the 31st. But during this period we have no indication of his movements. We know at any rate that five out of the seven deaneries in Buckinghamshire were visited during this year. No returns exist for the two northern deaneries of Buckingham and Newport, nor are we guided by any dates from monasteries. It may be also that Rayne was assisted by others during June. It had certainly been his intention, as late as 13 May, while at Dunstable, to be in Northampton on Wednesday, 22 June ; but, as his visitation of Northampton and its vicinity did not take place until September, there must have been an alteration in his plans. Even if we reckon with a suspension of his journey after the visitation of Ashridge until Whitsunday (5 June) was past, there was time for the Buckinghamshire deaneries between then and Thursday, 23 June, when he was at Chacombe priory in Northamptonshire ; and such a visitation, beginning with the two southern deaneries in the Chilterns, would have ended conveniently with those of Newport and Buckingham, both on the edge of Northamptonshire.

Dates for the archdeaconry of Northampton are disappointingly scanty and the material for the ruridecanal visitations is very imperfect. The date at Chacombe and another at Canons Ashby on 25 June, however, fix the visitation as beginning with the deaneries of Brackley and possibly Preston. There are no returns for the deanery of Northampton itself or for those of Oundle and Peterborough ; but, as Rayne visited the college of Irthlingborough in the deanery of Higham Ferrers on Friday, 26 August, and that of Fotheringhay in the deanery of Oundle on the 27th, he must have given himself ample time for the rest of this large archdeaconry. It is much to be regretted that the returns from the deaneries, especially from the two largest, Brackley and Rutland, are so fragmentary. The order in which they are bound up suggests no satisfactory itinerary, and the deanery of Preston may have been visited with Brackley, or left until the visitor's return in September. Or again, neither Irthlingborough nor Fotheringhay was far from Rayne's *pied à terre* at Brampton, which was at any rate a convenient half-way house between Fotheringhay on 27 August and the Huntingdonshire monastery of Ramsey on the 29th.

Ramsey, a large monastery which usually took some time and gave some trouble, may have on that account been left to a vacant period when more than a single day could be devoted to it. But

on Tuesday, 6, and Wednesday, 7 September, Rayne was back in Northamptonshire, this time at the religious houses in and adjoining Northampton. On Saturday, the 10th, he was at Catesby priory, and he may now have visited the deanery of Daventry on his way into Oxfordshire, where we meet him at Wroxton priory on the 12th. Nothing more definite can be gathered from the existing documents.

Of the visitation of the archdeaconry of Oxford we have plenty of information, with names of clergy and churchwardens, but unfortunately with few dates. No returns exist for the deanery of Cuddesdon : on the other hand, those from the deanery of Henley, which were wanting from the record of Atwater's visitation of the archdeaconry, are duly to hand. How far Rayne took part in this visitation is uncertain, but his work seems to have been shared with another commissary, Dr. Henry Morgan. It was Morgan, and not Rayne, who visited the deanery of Deddington, in which Wroxton priory lay, and the visitation of the deaneries with one exception may have been committed to him, as it is possible that the note which heads the returns from Deddington applies also to those which follow. If this is so, Morgan was the visitor in the city of Oxford, and Rayne's work there was confined to Brasenose on Tuesday, 20 September, and to the initial visitation of Lincoln college on Thursday, the 22nd. On the 23rd he was at Bicester priory, which gives us a probable date for the visitation of the deanery of Bicester, stated to have been carried out by him.

After 23 September, we hear no more of Rayne, and, whether he retired from the work at this point or not, Morgan certainly carried it on in the district to the south-east of Oxford, visiting Goring priory on Thursday, 6 October. As we have seen, the southern deaneries of Buckingham archdeaconry may have been visited in June, but it was now, on 10 October, that Morgan was at Burnham abbey, and, a week later, at Eton. This at all events was a finishing touch to the business of this archdeaconry, where, also on 10 October, another commissary, Thomas Jakeman, official of the archdeacon of Buckingham, was engaged at Missenden abbey in the neighbourhood of his benefice of Aston Clinton, while the bishop himself was visiting the nuns of Little Marlow. Morgan returned from Eton to Oxford, where, on 22 and 25 October he went on with the visitation begun by Rayne at Lincoln college.

Apart from his visit to Little Marlow, the only appearance of Bishop Longland in this series of visitations was at Dorchester on 19 September. We may reasonably suppose that he had made personal acquaintance with most of the diocese at an earlier date in his episcopate, and we have already noticed that he was engaged in what must have been his primary visitation in 1521. We know also that he had held a visitation at Dorchester within recent years, as injunctions remain which bear date 10 June 1529, more than a year before that of which the record has come down to us. We

must also remember that we have no news from the archdeaconries of Lincoln, Stow or Leicester in 1530, other than a series of injunctions for the prioress and convent of Nun Coton, dated from Bishop's Wooburn, 13 April. It may be that the bishop made himself personally responsible for Lincoln and Stow, which Rayne had visited in 1525, while Leicester had been visited as recently as 1528. So far as the five remaining archdeaconries were concerned with the two exceptions already noted, only two difficult cases were left to Longland's final judgment. These were the protracted quarrel at Elstow and the disagreeable business at Missenden, the preliminary inquiry into which was made by Jakeman. Injunctions had been addressed to Elstow on 1 October 1530 : the bishop himself came there, accompanied by Rayne, on 28 June in the following year, when the inquiry seems to have occupied a few days and was brought to an end by Rayne on 1 July. The bishop's visit to Missenden took place some days earlier, on 19 June. These are the latest dates in this series of visitations. The only other date which we have from 1531 is Friday, 26 May, when Morgan was in Oxford at Lincoln and Oriel colleges.

APPENDIX II

Injunctions and Other Documents Relating To Monasteries

Among various documents relating to monasteries in Bishop Longland's registers, some have been printed which refer to visitations and inquiries. Two sets of injunctions, one for Leicester abbey, the other for Dorchester, were communicated by Archdeacon Perry to the fourth volume of the *English Historical Review*, to the third volume of which he had contributed an important series of documents concerning the Cistercian abbey of Thame.[1] In 1883 the late Edward Peacock printed English injunctions issued to the nunneries of Elstow, Nun Coton and Studley and to the abbot and convent of Missenden in the 47th volume of *Archaeologia*.[2] Of these injunctions, those to Leicester and Dorchester followed visitations of an earlier date than those recorded in the present volume. The visitation of Nun Coton may have taken place in 1529 or early in 1530. The Studley injunctions bear no date, but may refer to Rayne's visitation on 20 September, 1530 ; while those to Elstow and Missenden are directly connected with visitations of which details remain. The case of Thame, which lay outside the bishop's ordinary jurisdiction, may be discussed after we have dealt with these, and with it may be related something of an inquiry into the affairs of the Cistercian abbey of Bruerne which remains unprinted.

Some details have been recounted already of the bishop's dealings with Richard Pexall, abbot of Leicester.[3] When Rayne came to the abbey in 1528, there were complaints against the abbot, and it is evident that the effort to dislodge him was on foot which did not finally succeed until more than five years later. The visitation with which the injunctions are connected must have taken place not long before that of 1528. The number of canons was the same ; those whose names are mentioned were there in 1528 ; but between one visitation and the next the prior had been superseded and Hugh Whitwyk, a person of exemplary conduct and administrative gifts, had been appointed in his place. The injunctions certainly give some reason for the severity of Longland's attitude to the abbot. They arraign him as *prevaricator ordinis*, a transgressor of his rule, negligent and remiss in his duties, worthy of deposition and condign punishment. For three years and more he had not said mass in the abbey church. It was ten years since he had celebrated at the high mass on solemn festivals : on such days he took no part in the choir services nor did he show himself elsewhere with the convent. In fact, as on double feasts and on Sundays he was not to be found in choir, he had given up coming to church. We may give him credit for saying mass in his own chapel, though this did not excuse his

[1] *Eng. Hist. Review*, III, 795 sqq. ; IV, 304 sqq.
[2] *Archaeol.*, XLVII, 49–64.
[3] See notes to pp. 187, 190 above.

lack of interest in the services of his convent. If, however, he did enter the choir now and then, he was preceded by his fool, who hindered the progress of divine worship by talking, derisive jests and snatches of song. In addition to these charges, his administration had been inefficient. He and the prior between them, contrary to previous injunctions, had granted leases under the common seal, monopolising access to the common chest or hutch. The prior apparently had been as lax as the abbot. The injunctions clearly indicate that unfit persons had been admitted as canons on grounds of partiality. The cloister doors were insufficiently guarded and brethren were in possession of keys surreptitiously obtained. They roamed about the abbey park and further afield every day of the week except Saturdays and Sundays. Such distractions kept them away from choir, and a maximum of eleven out of some twenty-five canons was all that was to be seen of them in church. If this attendance followed a regular rota, as it may have done, nothing is said of it, but the fact that even this fair proportion of the canons observed the daily hours was noted with grief by the bishop.

At a previous visitation, when the faults of administration had been disclosed, the finances of the house had been committed to two administrators or bursars, Hugh Whitwyk and Richard Lichfeld. These the abbot had thrust out of office, and of the two Lichfeld had clearly been unworthy of a post of trust. As cellarer, he was in the habit of entertaining ladies in his checker, and the nature of his office, which took him outside the monastery, gave him the opportunity of making such acquaintances in town and country alike. He was now removed from the cellar and his place given to Herbert (*rectius* Robert) Byrmyngham, while the abbot was ordered to recall Hugh Whitwyk to his administration and give him one of the keys of the hutch. Byrmyngham was also associated with him, as Lichefeld had been, in the office of administrator.

If these details are compared with the *detecta* of 1528, it will be seen that, with Hugh Whitwyk as prior, things were better from the financial point of view, but Lichefeld was still in his checker, whether with company or not is not stated, but at any rate lavish in his expenses. He also seems to have returned with Whitwyk to his administration, for he coupled his own name with that of the prior in a complaint that persons were introduced into the monastery without their leave. There is no need to repeat what has been said already of this visitation in the introduction to a previous volume, but, in view of these injunctions, it may be remarked that the abbot's fondness for public worship had not noticeably increased. If an injunction to repair the infirmary, which had been in a state of decay, had been obeyed, yet two canons who should have been there were causing inconvenience by their presence in the refectory. In fact, a comparison of the visitation of 1528 with the injunctions illustrates

the difficulty which prelates found in effecting reforms in monasteries. They could merely do their duty and hope for the best; but to disturb abuses which had grown into customs needed more drastic machinery than it was wise or even possible to put into motion. Their appearance might cause anxiety for the time being and was possibly followed by some tightening of the reins of discipline; but, where slackness had once crept into a community for whose members the monastery was a permanent home, no lasting alteration could be expected.

This was as true of houses of which a bishop was himself founder and patron as of others. The bishop of Lincoln was founder and patron of Dorchester abbey, but Dorchester had long shown a noticeable tendency to depart from the precepts of the rule of St. Augustine. The Dorchester of Bishop Alnwick's day differed little from a secular college of chantry priests and, as such, would have offered no example of orderly life and consistent piety to its class.[1] The only record of Atwater's visitation of the monastery is a brief memorandum; but Longland, at a visitation to which injunctions, bearing date 10 June, 1529, were a sequel, found that the daily life of the abbot and his brethren threatened imminent loss, spiritual and temporal, to the house. It is quite clear, in the first place, that services in the conventual church, the centre of the monastic life, were irregular, if not neglected. Otherwise, it would have been senseless to provide the canons with a statutory time-table whose details should have been entirely familiar to them. Yet this was what Longland did. Matins are to be chanted by the prior and all the canons at or about midnight. All are to stay to the end, observing, here and at all the other hours, the due minutiae of ritual. At seven o'clock prime is to be sung, followed by the Lady mass. Then came terce with the chapter mass, after which they are to go into chapter, where special attention is to be paid to the daily reading of a chapter of the rule and to the correction of offences against the rule and ecclesiastical discipline. Chapter over, the canons may take a little refreshment before sext at ten o'clock, which immediately precedes the procession and high mass. Every day the high mass is to have its full complement of ministers, and on all days when mass is not of the ordinary week-day, two canons are to sing the gradual and tract devoutly at the choir-step. After high mass comes breakfast, of which the canons are to partake moderately and in silence, while the word of God is read to them. Grace is to be said, followed by the usual resort to church. The afternoon is to be spent in cloister for so long as the prior thinks fit, in silence and holy meditation, or in study of the rule, the divine offices, grammar or anything else which may tend to the observance of religion. There must be no unlicensed departures from cloister in spare hours, a point further insisted upon in another injunction which, to the

[1] See *Vis. Relig. Houses*, II, 68–83.

ordinary requirement that no canon may go out unaccompanied by another, adds the provision that the pair must be accompanied by an honest serving-man on their excursions into the village.

A further injunction emphasises the necessity of diligence in prayer and study in cloister, adding as an alternative occupation netting, doubtless in view of the supply of fish, or some suitable means by which idleness, the mother of all vices, may be avoided. Work in cloister done, the office of the dead is to be recited in church followed by vespers. A moderate supper is to be taken before compline, and, after compline, all are to go to silence and rest in the dormitory until it is time for matins. The dormitory is seen from another paragraph to have been divided into cells or cubicles, the doors of which were to be kept open, so that the abbot or prior might enter if he thought fit.

It is interesting at so late a date in monastic history to find so precise a time-table laid down for observance in keeping with conventual traditions. The remaining injunctions concern well-worn topics which, however, have their special local application. The duty of obedience to the prior is emphasised by the fact that the bishop had left them with a new prior of his own appointment. As the conventual and parish churches were under one roof, there was need to keep the doors between the two closed except during the Lady mass, high mass and vespers, when the doors from church to cloister must be shut in order to avoid the access of lay persons, and especially women, through the cloister. As the monastery was haunted by several washerwomen so called, this branch of the establishment must be reduced to a man or to one woman of good report among her neighbours. The dress of the canons must be modest and uniform, they must wear their hoods drawn over their heads everywhere in the monastery, and must avoid articles of lay wear, such as ' voided shoes '. All the doors of the house must be kept shut at night and opened at dawn, and ways by which surreptitious access can be gained are to be stopped up. Two injunctions are of special interest, one as showing that the buildings of the monastery were in urgent need of repair, the other as forbidding the canons to serve the cures of appropriated churches. The disadvantages of the latter custom had been evident from the sad case of Ralph Charnell at Alnwick's visitation nearly a century before,[1] but it is rather difficult to see how it could be stopped in the case of a peculiar jurisdiction unamenable to the authority even of the founder and patron of the monastery.

A glance at the account of the visitation held by Longland in person little more than a year after the delivery of these injunctions shows that they had affected the life of the convent little, if at all. It is true that the abbot is said to have kept the injunctions secret from his brethren, but one may doubt whether, had they been duly

[1] See *Vis. Relig. Houses*, II, 79–83.

published, their effect would have been so remarkable as to have called for special commendation. At any rate the perfect picture which they draw of a well ordered house of canons did not meet the bishop's eyes in September 1530, and only a buoyant optimism could have expected such a change.

It was on the day after the bishop came to Dorchester that Rayne visited Studley, a small nunnery on the border of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. The English injunctions delivered to the prioress and convent bear no date but obviously refer to this occasion and followed the verbal injunctions with which Rayne had left the monastery and the notes which supplemented the *detecta*. The need of regularity in going to bed and rising in the morning, the want of an ordinal by which divine service could be properly regulated, the undesirability of allowing nuns to visit their relations without sufficient pretext or to act as godmothers to children, the introduction of strangers by nuns, are all topics which had called for comment at the visitation. The house was deep in debt, its buildings were in decay, it was suffering from an unprofitable servant who bore the same surname as the sub-prioress. A complaint that beef was served only on Sundays and Thursdays, intensified by another deponent's objection that there was no mutton on those days and that the ale was less wholesome than it should be, was met by a general direction for the supply of healthy food during sickness in the infirmary and at all other seasons. An injunction that the cloister door should be kept continually locked, coupled with one that the nuns should use the refectory three times a week, was intended to prevent the recourse of women friends through the cloister to the misericord, which evidently had become the normal place for meals. The final injunction, counselling the nuns 'to use and were ther vaile, thedge thereof to come as lowe as ther yye leddes,' obviously needed only *oculata fides* for inspiration.

Rayne's visitation of Nun Coton in 1525 had been unproductive of information, and the silence which the prioress said was not observed so profoundly as it should be had for the time being descended on the nuns, whose answers were all bland and vague. A new cloister was being built, and the presence of a number of workmen prompted the visitor to warn the nuns against holding communication with lay-folk without special precautions. The somewhat lengthy injunctions which bear date 30 April, 1530 obviously belong to a later visitation, to the *detecta* of which they make more than one reference. Whether this was held by the bishop himself or by his commissary John Prynne, to whose advice in the selection of chaplains the prioress and convent were directed, we are not told; but, whatever the state of the priory may have been five years earlier, the elegant variations on the theme that all was right as right could be were now out of date. Nothing is said of the new cloister. Grants of corrodies and liveries had burdened the house,

the number of servants, men and women, was excessive and was one of the great causes of the 'miserable poverty' to which the house was reduced. The prioress was Joan Thomson, who had been prioress in 1525. Her relations were numerous: her brother George and his offspring took advantage of her liberality to graze their cattle, to plough and cart on the convent's land and with its property, and to make ironwork in its forge. It was admitted that the prioress might have her mother with her for their mutual help and comfort and perhaps one or two more of such her 'saddest kynnesfolke' as she thought convenient, but no more. There were undesirable visitors, not only lords of misrule and mummers, 'disguising' in nuns' apparel and otherwise, but various clergymen whose names are given, including the rector of Scotton, whose parochial duties did not lie in the immediate neighbourhood of the house. These may have acted as occasional chaplains, but the nuns had also availed themselves of the ministrations of friars for this purpose. The bishop forbade them to admit the rector and the other clergy, while the place of the friars was to be taken by such 'vertuous honest secular preestes' as the commissary should think fit. A layman named Robert Laurence was to be excluded from the premises. The doors of church and cloister were to be shut and locked at night; the chaplains were not to have private keys of the church, nor was any layman to enter the cloister without proper leave, and then only if he was known in the house.

It is clear that the prioress was not on the best of terms with the convent and was ready to listen to stories which caused debate and variance. The presence of her relations, who must have been almost equal in number to the nuns, was obviously fatal to concord, while Elizabeth Todd, who was in receipt of a corrody, and possibly two other women who are mentioned as in like case, seem to have been lodged in or close to the precincts. Elizabeth Todd pastured her cows in the priory meadows and kept a servant whom the bishop ordered the prioress to 'jutt away'. Whatever energy may have been shown over new cloister buildings for a time, the infirmary, the church and other buildings were dilapidated and in need of repair. Jewels and plate had been sold, and, while the prioress did much as she pleased with the goods of the house, discipline was at an end. The nuns went where they liked, to the houses of canons at Thornton and Newhouse and even across the Humber to Hull; and at home the general carelessness was mirrored in the haste and lack of devotion with which the offices were performed in choir. In all these points Longland enjoined amendment, and we have no evidence that, in the few years of life that remained to the house, divine service was not 'treateably song undre sobre and deuoute manner with good pause and punctuation and without eny haste or festination' by nuns who had abandoned excursions to Hull and visits to their friends under the guise of pilgrimages. At all events the bishop

could congratulate himself upon having done his best with considerable pains and in much detail.

The injunctions to Elstow bear date 1 October 1530 and were delivered before Longland's personal visitation of the monastery in the following summer and its sequel, a few days later, when Rayne had to deal with the rebellion of a section of the convent against the new prioress appointed by the bishop. Here, as elsewhere, there were buildings in need of repair. As at Dorchester, the conventual and parish churches were under the same roof and it was essential, for the privacy of the convent, that the doors between the churches and between church and cloister should be kept shut. At Elstow the division between the churches, such as it was, was insufficient : the bishop ordered that a door with two leaves, at least five feet high, should be set up at the lower end of the choir and closed during divine service. But the first place was given to the separation of the convent into households, with special rooms for their several meals, a perpetual subject of complaint in nunneries. With the object of restoring the use of the abandoned frater, the only household permitted was to consist of five persons in weekly rotation, supervised by ' oon sadde lady of the eldest sorte ', who was to preside over them in the misericord and give place to another at the end of a quarter. The rest were to have their meals in the frater. The privileges of the misericord did not excuse its inmates from attending church regularly, nor was the household to stay there after half past seven in the evening or entertain male visitors without leave from the abbess or for more than a short time. As, apart from the abbess, there were some twenty nuns in the house, each nun would have her turn in the misericord at intervals of three or four weeks, but a study of the proceedings consequent upon the appointment of the prioress raises some doubt whether a sister of sufficient sadness could be found for every quarter of the year. Moreover, a similar weekly rotation of four nuns in attendance upon the abbess, and therefore living at her board, was to be observed, in addition to which she was allowed one as her chaplain, so that rather less than half the convent would be in the frater at any time. There was some need to curb the personal pride of the abbess and to remind her that, after all, she was one of the convent. She must not walk by herself in processions, with servants and lay-folk between her and the other nuns, or allow herself to be led by the arm or otherwise display her importance on such occasions. Her chaplain, the only nun whose name is mentioned, was ordered to come to matins and to abandon her custom of supping and breakfasting in the abbess' buttery with the steward or seculars. As at Studley, the proper conduct of the veil is recommended with the disuse of head-dresses with cornered crests, while low-cut bodices, red stomachers and the voided shoes to which the canons of Dorchester had succumbed were all forbidden.

The abbot and convent of Missenden were frankly told that injunctions delivered to them were in the vulgar tongue ' for that ye be ignorant and have small understanding of laten '. Dated 27 June, 1531, actually the day on which Longland was at Elstow, they refer to his special visitation nine days earlier and to his commissary's visitation in the previous October. It is not surprising that they insist upon the appointment within the next few weeks of ' oon honest sufficient lerned man in gramer ' to instruct the canons for an hour before prime, an hour after chapter and an hour after nones and at other seasons. ' Gramer ' is to be the main study of the canons in cloister, with alternatives of ' writing, paynting, kerving or some other honest study or crafte ', pious contemplation being allowed at least an hour at the beginning of the afternoon. Directions respecting the locking of doors in church and cloister are much as in the other instances which have been cited. The back doors from the cloister to the fields were to be opened only when the brethren had licence to go into the fields ' to sporte togydre '. In fact, the reputation of the canons for wandering abroad was so notorious that they were to be kept within the cloister as far as possible : they might indeed sport in the fields on ' sporting days ' under the supervision of a president, but such days were not to exceed two a week, and their recreation was not to take them out of the fields into neighbouring towns and villages. Taking into account their habitual freedom of movement, we are tempted to think that this sudden access of soberness might excite the amusement of their neighbours and perhaps be directed to that end by themselves.

The state of the monastery, however, was serious. The abbot, remiss in the correction of his brethren, was equally remiss in the conduct of business, granting portions and pensions under the convent seal without regard to eventual loss and reckless in his promises of such things for the sake of ready money. Not only were all the buildings in need of repair, but they called for cleansing from filth and stench. Moreover, if the abbot was negligent, he had fallen into the power of a lay steward, John Compton, who did what he liked, cutting down trees and woods at pleasure. The number of servants kept was beyond the means of the monastery, as the list which formed part of the visitation documents showed. Compton was to be dismissed, the abbot was to exhibit a properly audited *status domus* once a year, and one or two of the wisest canons were to be associated with him in the oversight of property. This was not all : the children who should have been educated, to the number of six, in the monastery, were allowed to be in the cloister and other buildings at times when their presence was not required by service in church. They were without ' oon substanciall, honest, vertuouse man ' to look after them, and one of the canons, John Slythurst, lay under conviction of a grievous offence with one of them, a son of John Compton. The punishment of Slythurst was reserved, and

in the meanwhile he was sent to prison in the abbey. It is somewhat disconcerting, after the dissolution of the monastery, to find one of this name, with a pension of eight pounds, serving the cure of Lee, a church in the immediate vicinity of Missenden and appropriated to the abbey. The abbot and convent followed the custom of serving parish churches by their canons, and these injunctions refer to the vicar of Great Missenden as one of them, warning him against leaving the convent choir to look after his cure, save on necessary business. Lay dress, with such vanities as 'garded and welted hose' and other adornments highly unbecoming to religion was denounced, and it is to be hoped that improvement in this and other respects was noticeable during the eight years of life which remained to the abbey.

The case of Thame, which takes us back to 1526, was different from these others, for at Thame, an exempt Cistercian house, the bishop was not ordinary. The visitation was held by its regular visitor, the abbot of the mother house of Waverley in Surrey, acting in his own right and further authorised by the mandate of Wolsey as legate *a latere* to hold visitations of certain monasteries named in his commission. He was at Thame on 2 February, 1525–6, and produced a series of carefully composed injunctions, a model of their kind, informing us sufficiently of the condition of the house and its needs without dwelling upon individual offenders or offences by name. These dealt at considerable length with the usual topics on which such documents enlarge. Divine service was to be celebrated by all with due devotion, an injunction given with some particularity and including regulations for chanting and organ-playing. Rest at night in the dormitory, which incidentally the abbot was invited to repair, should be silent, and scrutiny should be made to see that all were in their beds. The time for matins was fixed at 3 a.m. on feast-days, 4 a.m. on ferias. The intervals between the canonical hours were to be sedulously observed, with reading in cloister especially on Sundays and festivals: on other days time might be given to manual labour, and in any case idle moments, gossiping and unseemly games were to be avoided. The abbot was to provide before Lent three lamps to burn in the church at matins and one to burn continually before the Sacrament. Priests not told off for special duty were expected to celebrate thrice a week at least. Silence was to be observed in all parts of the monastery. The doors of the offices were to be shut and opened at the proper hours, with special attention to those of the dormitory and buttery. There were to be no drinkings and eatings in the buttery and kitchen, nor singing and shouting near the door of the dormitory or elsewhere. The rule of St. Benedict, the Cistercian book of uses, with the old and new *definitiones* and the Benedictine constitutions, were to be read through, with expository notes, to the convent by the prior, subprior or some suitable person once a

year. Each obedientiary must have a written inventory of the goods belonging to his office, to be delivered to him at his entry into it, and must render his account at every regular term in the year. The abbot must render a minute account of the whole establishment to the visitor every year. Each obedientiary must take an oath at his admission to avoid such waste as needless sales or stripping of woods and trees, and the abbot must not indulge in sales and leases without taking counsel with his brethren. Every monk, to escape the penalty of excommunication incurred by possessors of private property, must furnish a schedule of all that he had in keeping before Palm Sunday in each year. The provision of a grammar master for the younger monks, prohibition of exeats into the town of Thame or for archery with lay-folk, directions for honest and religious recreations two or three days a week in the abbey liberties and without lay assistance, threats of punishment to the refractory and rebellious, and mandates for the observance of the statutes and the public reading of the injunctions in chapter conclude the series. The first of two final paragraphs sums up the result which the visitor desired to produce : ' Finally we beseech all most earnestly in the bowels of Christ to love the abbot, to be zealous in bringing the religious life to effect, to shun light behaviour, to show modesty and seriousness of conduct, always to maintain mutual love, to attend divine service with strict care, to show prompt obedience without fail, to be instant in reading at suitable times, to spurn ramblings and unseemly games, to cease from entering the offices unduly, to observe with due zeal the ceremonies of the order and of this monastery as hitherto honestly and laudably observed, and so to accomplish their course in this world's race that at length they may be able with merit to attain the guerdon of everlasting bliss '. To this pious wish is added a warning against any infringement of the injunctions or abstraction of them from the house.

To love the abbot was perhaps difficult, nor would it appear that the abbot deserved warm affection. For, while the diocesan bishop had no power to visit the monastery as ordinary, he was its founder and patron and had the right to use means for informing himself of the truth of reports that affected its reputation.[1] In this case he supplied the visitor with a schedule of *gravamina* against the abbot and brief schedules of charges against the prior and one of the monks, John Chynnor. These the abbot of Waverley submitted to the accused persons and returned their answers in writing with his injunctions to the bishop. The twenty-two articles addressed to the abbot arraigned him of negligence and incapacity in business matters, of wasteful administration of property, of extravagance in the internal economy of the house, of a laxness of conduct which

[1] The bishops of Lincoln were patrons owing to the removal to Thame by Bishop Alexander (1140) of the monastery founded in 1138 at Otteley in the parish of Oddington.

gave rise to grave suspicion, and of a neglect of discipline which, apart from his evil example, had a fatal effect upon his brethren. Like John Compton at Missenden, one John Cowper had acquired undue influence over the abbot, who made a special favourite of his son. Cowper had not the excuse of professional capacity which might have been pleaded by Compton ; for he merely profited by the abbot's gifts of convent property and grew rich at the expense of the monastery without usurping the management of its estates. To this the abbot attended with fatal results. Dilapidation prevailed everywhere in the buildings and on the estates. The monastery was in debt to various creditors, including the vicar of Thame. The stock of cattle was reduced almost to nothing, while beasts were allowed to graze upon the pastures without payment. The abbot had wasted the goods of the house in marrying members of his household and other friends. He rendered no accounts, so that the convent was in ignorance of the state of finances. His entertainment was lavish, he kept a large household, stranger guests were many. There was no provision to meet the cost of such indiscriminate hospitality or the ordinary diet of the community : in the previous summer he had been obliged to borrow sheep and malt from outside. Apart from guests, the convent was burdened with useless hangers-on : the abbot liked the company of the young and a number of youths, with Cowper's son conspicuous among them, were constantly in the society of himself and his monks, to the inevitable scandal of the house. Women also came to the monastery in great numbers : on this point the abbot of Waverley had made an injunction the text of which remains incomplete. The picture which the articles furnish is that of a community from which religion had disappeared, fleeting it carelessly without thought of duty or the future. The abbot and convent were guilty of ignorance of customs and regular ceremonies. Not a monk knew or could tell the rule of St. Benedict when he saw it. This, however, did not excuse the abbot from leaving their faults uncorrected or letting them go out to archery meetings in the fields of Thame, where, in blissful contempt of the rule, they enjoyed themselves in the inns and in Cowper's house. After visitations there was no effort at reform. Things went on as before : the monks lived in greater freedom than laymen and the neighbours, taking note of this, said that they were going from bad to worse. Ill-regulated lives encourage slovenliness : monks and canons who aped the dress of laymen often affected smartness, but the clothes in which the monks of Thame went about were not only unseemly, but were torn.

Among the persons to whom the abbot's lenience was specially noteworthy was a monk, John Chynnor, who was Cowper's brother and was allowed to go about at will, frequenting suspicious company in Thame. His name was associated with those of two women, he had stayed for two or three weeks in a private house, acting as

chaplain to one Lentall,[1] and he joined and encouraged his brother in wasting the goods of the monastery. He was in debt to his brother and to several other persons, including Richard Maudeley, the archdeacon of Leicester, who at this date was prebendary of Thame. In this last instance, the archdeacon seems to have sought redress by drastic means, and Chynnor caused open scandal by an attempt to indict him and four of his servants at the assizes in Oxford, bringing upon himself a rebuke from the judges. Moreover, the list of articles against Chynnor closes with the charge that he accompanied almost every word with an oath and blasphemous imprecations.

Another monk, dan Edmund, had behaved suspiciously with regard to a grange of the monastery and the woman who looked after it : he had arranged her marriage and so was able to be often on the farm, where he had busied himself in building offices. Three articles also were laid to the charge of the prior, accusing him of negligence and complete lack of discipline, allowing the monks to roam about at pleasure, wasting their time in sport and idleness and remaining in ignorance of grammar and of the elements of their religion and its observances. The irregularity of his conduct was manifest in the fact that, on his last visit to London, he had taken with him the key of the chest in which the common seal was kept.

Answers to all these *gravamina* were forwarded by the abbot of Waverley to Longland. The prior somewhat blandly and in imperfect Latin expressed his regret for his shortcomings in discipline, but called his brethren to witness that he had. Chynnor assumed a tone of injured innocence, reducing his debts to a mere trifle, and that as good as settled. There was no truth in the story of his dealings with women. He had not contributed a penny, no, not a halfpenny nor even a farthing to the enrichment of his brother or himself. A rather incoherent response to the charge of absence in the service of Lentall indicates that this was with the abbot's permission and that he had sometimes spent the night there when it was too late to return to the monastery. It was on the business of the abbot and convent that he went to Oxford : four of the archdeacon's servants were on the jury, and he had no chance of speaking to them of wrongs which they had done to the house, nor did he say a word to the judges nor they to him. As for swearing at almost every word, it was an exaggeration : sometimes ugly words did escape his lips, not of his own free will, but unthinkingly. Yet here, as in everything else, he laid his neck humbly beneath the yoke of obedience and was ready to submit to anything that the visitor chose to impose on him.

Of these answers, when submitted to the bishop by the abbot of Waverley, the bishop remarked that they either did not correspond

[1] Doubtless at Latchford, 4 miles S.W. of Thame, the seat of the family to which at a later date Mr. Speaker Lenthall belonged.

to the charges or were imperfect. If they amounted to confessions they were met by injunctions which prescribed slight penalties for future delinquencies. The abbot's answers, however, came in for detailed criticism. Although in one he admitted, perhaps ironically, that he had little skill in Latin, he managed at any rate to produce a series of replies in which his excuses were carefully wrapped up in rhetorical phrases and equivocations. In several instances he was obliged to regret that such unfortunate things had happened and to assure the visitor that they should not recur. Was he accused of keeping a sumptuous table for his guests ? On his oath he protested and called his brethren to witness that when guests were present—would that there were guests !—the food was not that of an abbot's table, but the coarse diet of a farmer's board. Pilgrims of all classes turned up their noses at such fare and put the household to shame. With what face could he turn pilgrims away when they came to the house ? They were bound by the rule of St. Benedict to receive guests, and that was why they had been forced to borrow, as was well known, from Baldwin at Crendon. He confessed that they were not so blessed with worldly goods that they were not sometimes obliged to borrow. Or, if there were superfluous persons about the house, of what household could not the same be said ? However, he would do his best to prevent this disease from spreading further and would banish the youths, so far as they were of no use.

These answers may be cited as typical of the rest. The charges are not admitted until the way has been prepared by would-be explanations : when nothing of this kind can be manufactured, the visitor is assured that the objectionable practice will be abandoned, but not without a saving clause. Nothing, said the abbot, is more destructive to religious discipline than the society of women : therefore all the brethren and himself will shun it with might and main, so far as this is consistent with decency. We possess the criticisms of the bishop on these answers. The abbot, he wrote, promises amendment for the future, but what about the past ? If guilt goes unpunished, this is merely an incentive to sin. And one may ask how often will it be decent for a Bernardine monk to consort with queans. To the abbot's plea that the food at his table was coarse and rustic and that pilgrims whom he could not drive from his door spurned it, the bishop, in full possession of the facts, asked whether women of the neighbourhood and many others who lived hardly more than three miles from the monastery could be called pilgrims. These were the people who spent their time with the monks, night and day : could it be supposed that they despised the fare provided for them at a board which they frequented so diligently ? As for the malt and sheep borrowed from Baldwin, how was it consistent with wise stewardship to let the abbey granges and be compelled to borrow necessary victuals from others ? Again, the abbot asks whether there is anyone without idle dependents.

Certainly no prudent person has any, nor will he support them where the pinch of poverty is felt, with a heavy load of debt ; while it is especially necessary for monks to shun idleness, the mother and nurse of all evils.

One more specimen of Longland's remarks on the abbot's attempts to defend himself may suffice. The final article had represented the monks as going about in shabby and ragged clothes. This had surprised the abbot : he could not understand it, for each monk, according to the custom of the monastery, was in receipt of a regular allowance. The bishop thought that it would be better if they were supplied with raiment and victuals from a common stock—a mild criticism of what was actually a breach of the rule ; but he himself felt no surprise after the abbot's previous confession that he had permitted his brethren to go here and there at will to all sorts of sports and junketings. These amusements soon ran away with money. What wonder then that the monks appeared almost naked or with holes in their garments ? Yet, he added, there were some of them handsomely dressed whose life and conversation was spent in taverns rather than in the monastery. These were the persons to whom the charge of the household economy was entrusted, and, where this was so, the natural result was ruin to the regular life and to the wise and orderly administration of temporal goods.

Last of all, the bishop had a word for the visitor and his injunctions. All that they did was to threaten mild penalties for the repetition of the most serious offences. An ignorant and useless abbot was tolerated, no amendment was proposed for the violation of religion. No provision was made for the repayment of loans : for a monastery whose goods had shrunk to insignificance, what remained would soon be wasted, new loans would have to be made for which there could be no security but the inevitable mortgage of landed property. The injunctions were nothing but an imperfect repetition of existing rules, constitutions and canons.[1] As founder and patron of the house, the bishop could not suffer such a state of things to continue. If the visitor did not take measures of definite reform, he himself would have to intervene. There were certain points which he had in mind, prohibitions of the abbot from selling woods, making long leases and contracting loans without the consent of the convent and the approval of the visitor. Finally, the abbot of Waverley was reminded that he was one of Wolsey's commissioners for the reform of the black monks, and, as such, his reputation demanded that he should not be ignorant of the statutes and constitutions of his own order.

The proceedings regarding Thame show Longland out of patience with machinery which, under guise of reform, did little or nothing to remove abuses. Very little is known of the abbot of Thame,

[1] In justice to the abbot of Waverley, it must be remarked that Longland's injunctions to Dorchester are possibly open to the same charge.

save that his name is said to have been John Warren.[1] He certainly quitted his dignity before long, possibly in 1527, as Robert King, at Thame in 1529, appears to have ceased to be abbot of Bruerne two years earlier.[2] King seems to have been something of a stop-gap at both monasteries. To the abbacy of Thame he added in 1537 that of the Augustinian house of Oseney, eventually becoming first bishop of Oseney and of Oxford.

Whatever benefit King may have brought to Bruerne during the few years of his rule must have been undone by his successor, John Chascombe or Chafcombe.[3] Bruerne lies in the pleasant valley of the Evenlode, near the frontier of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire. Founded in 1147, it was, like Thame, a daughter of Waverley, but in 1532 the abbot of Garendon in Leicestershire, the eldest of the colonies of Waverley, was officially its father abbot and visitor. On 26 April in that year the abbots of Woburn and St. Mary Graces on Tower Hill, the general reformers of Cistercian houses in England appointed by the general chapter of the order at Cîteaux, sat with the abbot of Garendon *judicialiter et pro tribunali* in the chapter house at Bruerne. With them sat as assessors, appointed by the king, the abbot of Wardon, Dr. Henry Morgan and master John Barbour, with Robert Warmington, LL.B., notary public, as their clerk. The occasion of this inquiry was a writ under the great seal, supplemented by letters under the king's signet, ordering the examination of sundry complaints and information by which it appeared that the abbot of Bruerne was a person of very evil rule and conversation. Here, it may be noted, proceedings were instigated by the Crown, acting through the official delegates of Cîteaux, while the diocesan bishop, who had interfered at Thame as patron and founder, had no such rights in this case.

The conduct of the abbot was so notorious throughout the whole countryside that the judges decided to deal with him at once. On his appearance he delivered a protest in writing, declining to accept them as competent judges or acting under mandate from Cîteaux. They were simply royal commissaries, and while he came before them as a loyal subject, he entered an appeal to the court of Rome and put himself under the tuition of the court of Canterbury, its handmaid.[4] Nothing he might say on the present occasion should make any difference to that appeal and his state of tuition. The judges, on the other hand, brushed his protest aside as contrary to the statutes, privileges and constitutions of his order which he was sworn to observe, and required him to answer their charges upon oath. This

[1] *V.C.H. Oxon.*, II, 85, 86.

[2] *Ibid.*, II, 81, where he is called Richard King. The Bruerne Visitation, however, clearly identifies him with Robert King, as is recognised *ibid.*, II, 85.

[3] The document relating to Bruerne, which has been kindly communicated to me by Mr. Geoffrey Baskerville, is not in Longland's register, but is a separate paper, which was transcribed by the Rev. H. E. Salter.

[4] The description of the court of Canterbury as *pedissequa* of the papal court, from whatever source it may have been derived, is interesting.

demand he met with a refusal to swear ; whereupon the judges called on him to present himself again at three o'clock and meanwhile called in the other monks, who showed no such contumacy as regarded taking the oath or giving evidence. The sitting was then adjourned till the afternoon, with the order that no-one was to leave the monastery in the interval.

In their evidence the prior and nine monks were practically unanimous on the two main points of inquiry, the improvidence and incontinence of the abbot. The prior deposed that he had obtained the dignity by simony. It was safe now to reflect upon the doings of Wolsey, whose discredited career was closed. A present of 200 marks and 280 oaks for the building of the cardinal's college at Oxford had been the price of his office. Against the will of the convent he had entered into a bond for £280 to the abbot of Ford, of whose powers as reformer of his order for the time being he took advantage by inducing him to send the brethren who objected to the transaction to other monasteries, while some he imprisoned himself. When King departed to Thame, there were 3200 sheep on the convent pastures : now there were only 1500, and the abbey was 300 marks the poorer, apart from all the increase that might have been expected from them in the interval. Similarly, for 300 head of cattle, there were now only 160. The abbot had sold wool of the convent sheep for five years at an annual loss of £20. At his coming in there was enough grain of wheat, barley and malt to have kept the whole house for two years, if nothing had been sown in the meantime ; but he was so prodigal in giving it away and selling it in a time of bad harvests that, after the first year, he had to buy corn at so high a price that the house lost forty marks by this. He had sold and pawned jewels of the church : a golden chalice had been pledged to Sir Simon Harcourt for £80, and, though Sir Simon had restored it, it was now clean gone, as well as three silver chalices, worth at least £20. He had leased out farms and pastures unprofitably. In short, said the prior, he had spent £1200 of the abbey's money, of which not one penny had been bestowed to its profit.

As for the abbot's incontinence, the whole monastery and some of the neighbours had been present at the discovery of a paramour in his lodging who had been there for six weeks, and other women were known to have resorted there. More was said by the prior of the abbot's incompetence, of the faithlessness with which he broke his oath to refrain from administering the goods of the house without the consent of the bursars and to appoint obedientiaries yearly. Further, when he heard that the present inquisition was imminent, he got together a body of craftsmen from Burford and other places to resist the visitors and shut the gates against them. This had been successful once and would have been repeated now, had it not been for Sir Simon Harcourt and other gentlemen commissioned

by the king to aid the reformers and the father abbot. All this was public property in the neighbourhood and was talked about freely.

William Barington, the bursar, gave additional details of unprofitable sales, leases and grants of fees. Further evidence was supplied by him of the abbot's dealings with women, including ten names out of thirteen *habituées* of his lodging: in this matter he, in company with a layman, had often spied upon the abbot's privacy. William Abington assessed the ruinous sale of timber at 600 marks: all the best wood had gone as 'yt ys evident to everye man that loketh on the ground and yt dothe not appere of one pennye bestowed to the profyte of the house'. Jewels and chalices had been sold and the sheep and other cattle diminished to the value of 500 marks. So said Robert Dorsette, Henry Bent, William Halle, Ralph Elston, John Hymington, James Kendalle, Thomas Evesham and William Farington, all much to the same effect.

When three o'clock came, the abbot was called and failed to appear. He was pronounced contumacious, but further procedure was delayed until 12 March in the following year and we have no account of intermediate happenings. Then the abbots of Woburn, Tower Hill and Garendon met in St. Bernard's college, the Cistercian house in Oxford, this time without the assessors and with two monks, one of Garendon and the other of Woburn, in place of the notary. The abbot was present. All that is recorded of his examination is his answer to the charge of the bond made to the abbot of Ford, a somewhat muddled and ambiguous reply, from which it appeared that of the £280 the abbot of Ford had remitted £40 at the instance of the abbot of Waverley and Edward Fetiplace, while £40 had been paid, so that £200 were still owing. As regards the rest of the accusations, the abbot was said to have made full confession. He was found guilty of simony, adultery, perjury, dilapidation, rebellion and notorious contumacy, and sentence of deprivation was pronounced upon him and his brethren were absolved of obedience to him.

It is needless to dwell upon the far from improving details of a schedule preserved with the account of the process. The disorder of his private life was fully proved, and such a record of shameless and indiscriminate debauchery cannot be overlooked, however unwilling we may be to accept it. It is noteworthy, however, that the abbot was the only person implicated in the inquiry: there is no evidence against any of the monks who testified against him, nor any sign on his part of an effort to rebut their charges. All that can be said is that the condition of a convent with such an abbot at its head cannot have been healthy and that, both here and at Thame, we have evidence that the state of exempt monasteries at this epoch was in need of more drastic reform than the conventional remedies suggested by their official visitors could furnish. In dealing with the abbot of Leicester and with Dorchester, a house

of which he was founder and patron and ordinary, Longland clearly found the machinery at his disposal inadequate for purposes of reform, and his impatience with traditional methods comes to light in his trenchant criticism of the abbot of Waverley's injunctions to Thame, of their substitution of time-worn precepts for straightforward condemnation of patent offences and their imposition of penalties whose lightness was out of all proportion to the seriousness of the crimes that they were intended to meet.

APPENDIX III

The Chancellors and Commissaries of Bishops Atwater and Longland

Chief among the commissaries of both bishops whose names appear in these visitation records were their chancellors, Richard Roston and John Rayne, both of whom, as had become usual at this time, combined the offices of official principal and vicar-general. Roston, whose name also appears as Rostan, Ruston, Royston and Rawston, seems to have been established in the diocese during the episcopate of Bishop Smyth. It is likely that he was a kinsman of the bishop, who was not behind hand in providing his relations with benefices, for on 5 June, 1510, a general pardon was granted to Richard Roston *alias* Smith, clerk, canon residentiary of Lincoln, prebendary of Corringham with Stowe (*sic*) and master of St. Laurence called Poulteney in London.[1] To this last preferment he had been instituted as long before as 7 February, 1488, and he appears to have held it until his death.[2] The pardon may have been connected with a case in the consistory court of London in which Roston and his brother, William Smythe, were engaged.[3] It was as Richard Royston *alias* Smith that he obtained the prebends of Centum Solidorum, 13 July, 1499, and Carlton-cum-Thurlby, 2 March, 1502–3. This last he quitted in 1505, and seems to have been without a stall in Lincoln till 1509, when he succeeded to Corringham prebend, with which the prebend of Stow-in-Lindsey, to judge from the terms of the pardon noted above, may have been temporarily united. He quitted this for Nassington prebend, 14 February, 1517–18, but, on 9 January, 1518–19, was advanced to that of Cropredy, of which he died in possession before 25 September, 1525.[4]

Of Rayne, who figures so prominently in the present volume, something more may be said. The appearance of Rayne, frequently called Raynes, among the canons of the cathedral church followed closely upon Longland's advent in the diocese, as he obtained the prebend of Brampton on 9 November, 1521. He held this until 8 March, 1530–1, when he received the prebend of Thame. Meanwhile, in December, 1529, he had been preferred to the prebend of

[1] L. & P. Hen. *VIII*, I, 218 (no. 438).

[2] Newcourt, *Repertorium*, I, 389. According to this authority, his successor was inst. 13 Feb. 1525[6] 'per res. Ruston *alias* Smith'; but, unless the date given is wrong, this appears to be an error. There is no list of the masters of the college of St. Laurence Pountney in Hennessy.

[3] *L. & P. Hen. VIII*, I, 351 (no. 631). The document relates to the Michaelmas term of 1510, when a plea was brought against William Culverdon for defamation of William Smythe at an earlier stage in these proceedings.

[4] These dates and others which follow are those given in Le Neve, II. In some instances these dates, which are usually those of collations of prebends by the bishop differ slightly from those given by Browne Willis; while dates in the lists in Cole, *Chapter Acts*, are those of installation by the dean and chapter.

Grantham Australis in Salisbury.[1] He played a conspicuous part in events in the diocese during the next few years, when his position as the bishop's chancellor and *alter ego* brought him into relation with the royal commissioners and with the dissolution of the smaller monasteries. He had a royal licence, 4 October, 1532, to hold three benefices,[2] but how far he took advantage of this does not appear. Nor does any very definite record remain of his personal connexion with the dissolution. A letter from Richard Cromwell to him in March, 1533, however, shows him to have been on good terms with the authorities in the state,[3] and when Cranmer's vicar general, Dr. Gwent, came to Lincoln in August, 1534, the protestation which Rayne put in on behalf of the bishop and his refusal to pay the procurations demanded of his principal indicated no ill will to the novelty of the visitation, but were merely the formal protests usual on such occasions.[4] It is certain that Rayne incurred great unpopularity at the period of the dissolution, whether on his own account or as the bishop's representative. When the Lincolnshire rebellion which preceded the Pilgrimage of Grace broke out at Louth soon after Michaelmas, 1536, the chancellor was 'going on his visitation by virtue of the king's writ'.[5] The insurgents, to whom the bishop, on account of his unsympathetic attitude to the monasteries, was an object of aversion, unable to wreak their rage on him, took advantage of Rayne's presence among them. On the night of Monday, 2 October, he is said to have stayed in the house of a chantry priest at Bolingbroke and was reported to be complaining of illness. Next day, however, he came to Horncastle, where the local clergy were awaiting his visitation, and, riding into the market-place, was seized by the rebels and murdered. At this length of time it is impossible to say how far the resentment which he had excited was justified. In the present series of visitation records there is no indication of harshness in his dealings with those who came under his notice: the impression which we gain is of a diocesan official going through his routine of duty with formal precision, and in no sense extreme to mark what he found amiss.

We find three men working with Roston as commissaries of Bishop Atwater. These were John Burges, Edmund Horde and Thomas Swayne, all of whom received preferments in the cathedral church. From a curiously confused entry in Le Neve's list of the prebendaries of All Saints Hungate, it seems that Burges resigned this prebend in 1515.[6] He appears to have held no prebend when installed as treasurer, 14 February, 1516–17, which may have

[1] Jones, *Fasti Eccl. Sar.*, p. 386, where he is called 'John Ayne or Raynes'.
[2] *L. & P. Hen. VIII*, V, 632 (g. 1499/6). [3] *Ibid.*, VI, 121 (no. 275).
[4] *Ibid.*, VII, 407–8 (no. 1044, iii).
[5] *Ibid.*, XI, 238 (no. 585). For the rest of the story see *ibid.*, pp. 275 (no. 714), 321 sqq. (no. 828), 343 (no. 854).
[6] The confusion seems to be between Burges and Thomas Gilbert, who in this case was his predecessor. Browne Willis' list omits the name of Burges and differs in other particulars.

been the reason for the opposition made to his appointment by his predecessor Christopher Massingberd. He was re-installed on 5 December in the same year, having in the interval (15 August obtained the prebend of Langford Ecclesia. On 9 January, 1518–19 he quitted this for Corringham prebend. In 1521, however, he exchanged this and the treasurership for the prebend of Gretton with George Heneage, subsequently dean of Lincoln. This was on 6 June. A month earlier, on 2 May, he had been presented by the Crown to the church of Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks., also vacant by the resignation of Heneage, and was instituted to it on 27 May.[1] Heneage, on the same date, was presented to the church of Hoby, Leic., to which Burges had been presented by the Crown on 12 April,[2] so that this transaction was equivalent to another exchange between these two.[3] Burges resigned Sutton Coldfield by 29 March, 1527, but remained in possession of Gretton, which he quitted by death early in 1536. He was also rector of Creaton, Northants, to which he was instituted 20 February, 1525–6. He resigned Creaton by 25 August, 1532.[4]

Thomas Swayne received rapid promotion from Bishop Atwater. He was installed, 5 June, 1516, in the prebend of Stow-in-Lindsey, but quitted this for Heydour-cum-Walton prebend, 10 March, 1516–17, in both of these succeeding Richard Maudeley, who became archdeacon of Leicester in 1518. On 13 February, 1517–18, he succeeded Roston as prebendary of Corringham, and finally again followed Maudeley in the prebend of Aylesbury, 9 June, 1518. He died, however, in the following year at Bishop's Wooburn, where he was buried, says Browne Willis, without any memorial. Browne Willis states that he was vicar of Bishop's Wooburn, but this was not the case, at any rate after 1515.[5]

Edmund Horde, who succeeded Swayne in the prebend of Stow-in-Lindsey, 3 March, 1516–17, succeeded Burges in that of Langford Ecclesia, 2 March, 1517–18, according to Le Neve; but 1518–19 appears more likely. Nothing appears to be heard of him after 1520, when he seems to have quitted this prebend. At an earlier date, 20 July, 1513, he had a grant from the Crown of the prebend of Erdington in the royal free chapel of Bridgnorth, but this he resigned by 23 March, 1518–19, when it was granted to William Hord, probably a brother.[6]

Henry Morgan, who, like Roston, Rayne and Horde, had the

[1] *L. & P. Hen. VIII*, III, 528 (g. 1324/2); Dugdale, *Ant. Warw.*, ed. Thomas, II, 915.

[2] *L. & P. Hen. VIII*, III, 479 (g. 1262/12).

[3] For Heneage's presentation to Hoby see *ibid.*, III, 528 (g. 1324/1). He was rector of Hoby in 1526 (Salter, *Subsidy*, p. 108) and 1535 (*VE*, IV, 166).

[4] Bridges, *Northants*. I, 563.

[5] See Lipscomb III, 637, and cf. Salter, *Subsidy*, p. 224.

[6] *L. & P. Hen. VIII*, I, 967 (g. 2137/22); III, 58 (g. 154/23). Browne Willis, in his list of prebendaries, of Langford Ecclesia, calls Edmund Horde William, while in Le Neve, ed. Hardy, the name is given as Edward.

degree of LL.D., was associated with Rayne in the visitation of the archdeaconry of Oxford in 1530. He had collation of the prebend of Spaldwick or Holy Cross, 13 December, 1532, which he quitted for that of Leicester St. Margaret, 6 June, 1536. He retained this last until his promotion to the bishopric of St. Davids in 1554, where he succeeded the deprived Edwardian bishop Robert Ferrar, subsequently burned at Carmarthen. Morgan was deprived of the see in 1559 and retired to Wolvercot, near Oxford, where he was buried. He is generally identified with Henry Morgan, LL.B., who was named as prebendary of the third stall at the foundation of Bristol cathedral,[1] and with Henry Morgan, prebendary of Hampton Episcopi in Hereford, 1 March, 1551–2, and there is a note of his other benefices in *Dict. Nat. Biog.* On 21 August, 1537, he was presented by the Crown to the church of Mells, Somerset ; but there seems to be no record either of his institution or resignation.[2]

Thomas Jakeman, who began the visitation of Missenden abbey in 1530, held various benefices in Buckinghamshire, as already noted.[3] Note also has been taken of Richard Coren or Curwen, archdeacon of Oxford, who, four to five years before his elevation to that office, accompanied Morgan at Burnham abbey and preached the visitation sermon there.[4]

The only other clerk of whom we find mention in this connexion is John Prynne, whose name appears in the injunctions to the prioress and convent of Nun Coton as charged by the bishop with the supervision of the house, with power to make regulations for its discipline. Prynne, who held the prebend of Ketton from 12 August, 1528, to his death in 1558, became treasurer of the church of Lincoln, 5 October, 1532. Before obtaining Ketton he had held St. Martin's prebend from 12 November, 1526, but had resigned in the course of the next year. He was rector of Eydon in Northamptonshire from 25 November, 1525, to about 21 October, 1542[5] He quitted the treasurership for the sub-deanery 17 April, 1555, which he held with Ketton for the rest of his life. He may be identified with John Prynne, who held the prebend of Hampton Episcopi in Hereford, with which, as we have seen, the name of Henry Morgan is also associated, from 1522 to 1551.

[1] *L. & P. Hen. VIII*, XVII, 255 (g. 443/9).

[2] *Ibid.* XII (ii), 350 (no. 1008). His name is not in Weaver, *Somerset Incumbents*, p. 142.

[3] See p. 9*n* above.

[4] See p. 91*n* above.

[5] Bridges, *Northants.* I, 123. In 1535 his name appears here as 'Dr. Preme' (*VE*, IV, 334).

APPENDIX IV

Contents of the MS. Volumes of Atwater's and Longland's Visitations

In this series of visitation documents, while those relating to visitations of rural deaneries have been printed consecutively as they occur in the original MSS., the monastic portions have been collected under the headings of the houses to which they refer, arranged in alphabetical order. Until a few years ago, the originals were unbound, those of Atwater's period in good condition, but those of Longland's in a scattered and untidy state, from which they were rescued by the late Canon Foster. The whole series was then bound in two volumes corresponding to the two periods. Although these do not follow what may have been the original arrangement and the foliation is modern, it is convenient to add here a list of the contents of both volumes in their present order.

ATWATER'S VISITATIONS

Ff.	1–4	Archdeaconry of Huntingdon: Huntingdonshire deaneries (fo. 4*d* blank).
Ff.	5–23	Archdeaconry of Leicester: deaneries, June–July, 1518 (ff. 7*d*, 10*d*, 13*d*, 14, 14*d*, 20*d*, 22, 22*d*, 23*d*, 24, 24*d* blank).
Ff.	25–26*d*	Leicester abbey, 17 August, 1518.
Ff.	27–28	Newarke college, Leicester, 26 August, 1518 (ff. 28*d*–29*d* blank).
Fo.	30	See Vol. I, pp. 34, 35 (fo. 30*d* blank).
Ff.	31–40	Archdeaconry of Buckingham: deaneries, May, 1519 (fo. 34*d* blank).
Fo.	41	Eton college, 23 May, 1519.
Fo.	41*d*	See Vol. I, pp. 54, 55.
Fo.	42.	Ankerwyke priory, 25 May, 1519.
Fo.	42*d*	Burnham abbey, 26 May, 1519 (ff. 43, 43*d* blank).
Fo.	44	Nutley abbey (fo. 44*d* blank)
Fo.	45	An unnamed house, 28 July, 1519.
Fo.	45*d*	Gokewell priory, 29 July, 1519.
Fo.	46	Torksey priory, 4 August, 1519 (fo. 46*d* blank)
Fo.	47	Bourne abbey, 27 June, 1519.
Ff.	47*d*, 48	Croyland abbey, 30 June, 1519.
Fo.	48*d*	Spalding priory, 2 July, 1519.
Fo.	49	Tattershall college, 6 July, 1519.
Fo.	49*d*	Stixwould priory, 8 July, 1519.
Ff.	50, 50*d*	Markby priory, 16 July, 1519.
Fo.	51	Bardney abbey, 9 July, 1519.
Fo.	51*d*	Stainfield priory, 11 July, 1519.

Fo. 52	Greenfield priory, 18 July, 1519.
Fo. 52*d*	Legbourne priory, 19 July, 1519.
Ff. 53, 53*d*	Wellow abbey, 21 July, 1519.
Fo. 54	Nun Coton priory, 23 July, 1519.
Fo. 54*d*	Thornton abbey, 24 July, 1519 (ff. 55, 55*d* blank).
Fo. 56	Humberstone abbey, 22 July, 1519.
Fo. 56*d*	Heynings priory, 3 August, 1519.
Fo. 57	Wellow abbey, continued from above (fo. 57*d* blank).
Ff. 58–79*d*	Archdeaconries of Lincoln and Stow: deaneries, June, July, 1519 (ff. 59*d*, 61*d*, 67, 67*d*, 80, 80*d* blank).
Ff. 81–82	See Vol. I, pp. 148–152 (fo. 82*d* blank).
Ff. 83, 83*d*	Littlemore priory, 2 September, 1518 (ff. 84, 84*d* blank).
Ff. 85, 85*d*	Oseney abbey, 10 June, 1517 (ff. 86, 86*d* blank)
Ff. 87, 87*d*	Littlemore priory, 17 June, 1517.
Fo. 88	Godstow abbey, 12 June, 1517 (fo. 88*d* blank).
Fo. 89	Oseney abbey, 10 June, 1517 (fo. 89*d* blank).
Fo. 90	St. Frideswide's priory, Oxford, 15 June, 1517 (fo. 90*d* blank).
Ff. 91–92	Eynsham abbey, 10 June, 1517 (ff. 92*d*, 93 blank).
Fo. 93*d*	Eynsham abbey, as above (ff. 94–95*d* blank).
Fo. 96	Dorchester abbey, 18 June, 1517 (fo. 96*d* blank).
Fo. 97	See Vol. I, pp. 152, 153 (fo. 97*d* blank).
Ff. 98–99	Archdeaconry of Huntingdon: deanery of Berkhampstead, 21 April, 1518).
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